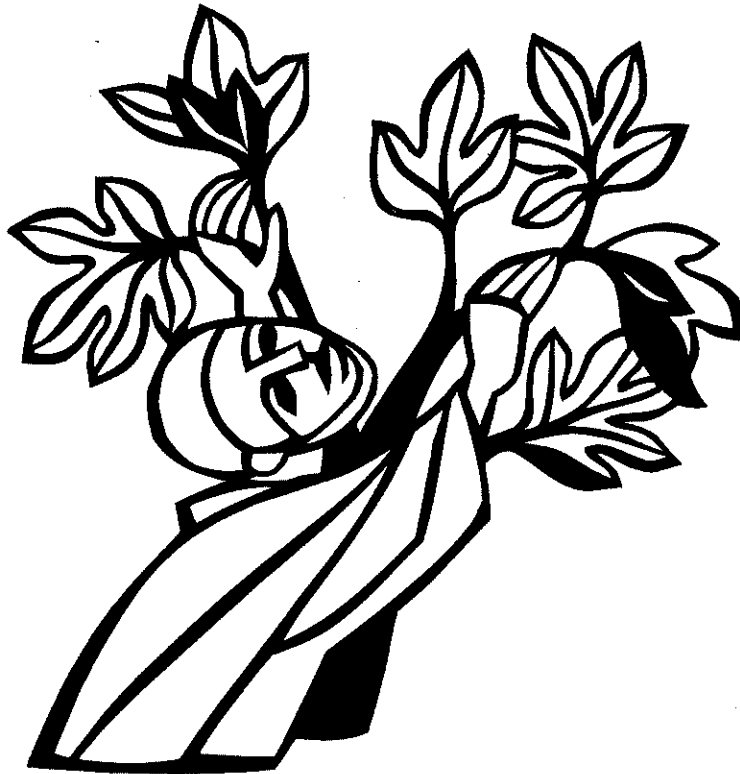


**CHURCH OF THE TRINITY
Coatesville
in the
Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania**

*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.*



"A man had a fig tree planted..."

March 23, 2025

9:30 AM

The Third Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN *Praise to the living God (Leoni)* (H 372)

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE OR TRISAGION LEVAS 237 Lord, Have Mercy

The following is sung, all standing

Lord, have___ mer - cy, Christ, have___ mer - cy.

Lord, have___ mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8

Remain seated.

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

³For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

⁴So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

⁵My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.

⁷For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Your kingdom come, O Lord* (MHSO 27)

All stand.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The lyrics are: "Your king-dom come, O Lord. Your king-dom come, O Lord. Your king-dom come, O Lord. Your king-dom come, O Lord." The melody is simple and repetitive, with the Soprano and Alto parts often moving in parallel motion. The Tenor and Bass parts provide a harmonic foundation. The score ends with a double bar line.

Words: from The Book of Common Prayer (1979) of the Episcopal Church USA.
Music © WGRG The Iona Community (Scotland) (admin. GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638
[www.giamusic.com].) All rights reserved. Used by permission.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

All stand.

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

¹At that very time there were some present who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse

offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

Loving God who is our refuge and our strength; hear us we beg you; listen to our words and the longings of our hearts as we turn to you in prayer, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give strength to your people across the whole earth, that we may be the lights of the world in our generations. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Give mercy to those in authority over us that they might be leaders in service to the well-being of all people. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Give hope and courage to this congregation, that together, we might be bold and courageous in taking up Christ's ministries as our own. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Give wisdom and determination to us and to all people, so that we might create a sustainable future for the equitable use of the abundance of creation. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Give wholeness to those bent and broken by sickness, pain, fear, oppression, or abuse, that they might hold on to their own dignity as your beloved children. 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, Sherry Deets, 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, Maria Jones, Diane Kitson, Nina Larkin, John and Lindsay, Lisa, David Kirkner, 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, John Smelter, Stephen Smelter, Colby Stackhouse, 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.***

Give strength to 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, LCDR Michael Sracic MC, and MSgt Rewa Price

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

Give joy to those in our parish family celebrating birthdays this week: Joseph Kirkner III and Robin McWilliams. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

In you, O God, do we put our trust. We entrust to you our dead, especially Mary E. Deets, for whom the altar flowers are given, because you alone are our refuge and salvation. You alone are mighty to save. O God, we pray for your mercy: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

God of creation and salvation; you have promised to answer when we knock. We offer these prayers and all the intentions of our own hearts in the confidence of your promises, and we ask these through our advocate and Lord, Christ Jesus. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

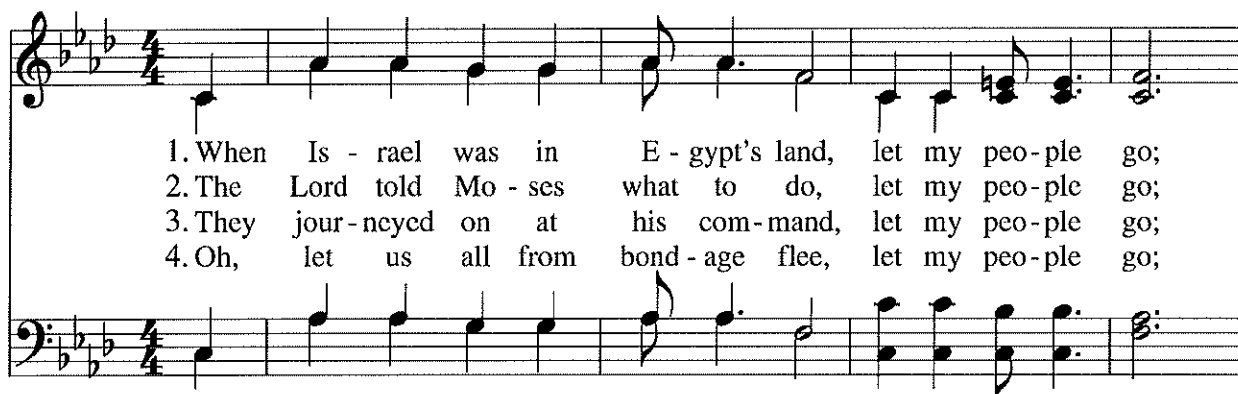
The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

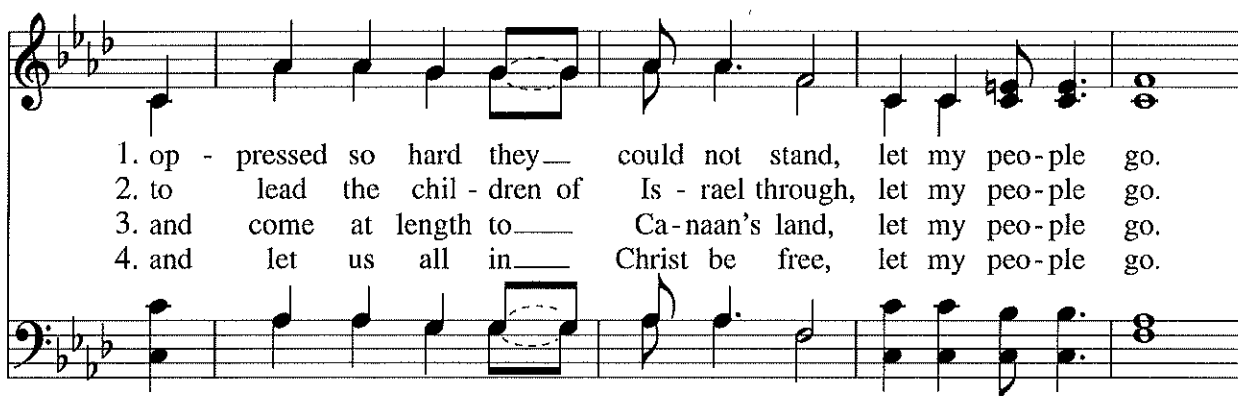
The Celebrant says

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

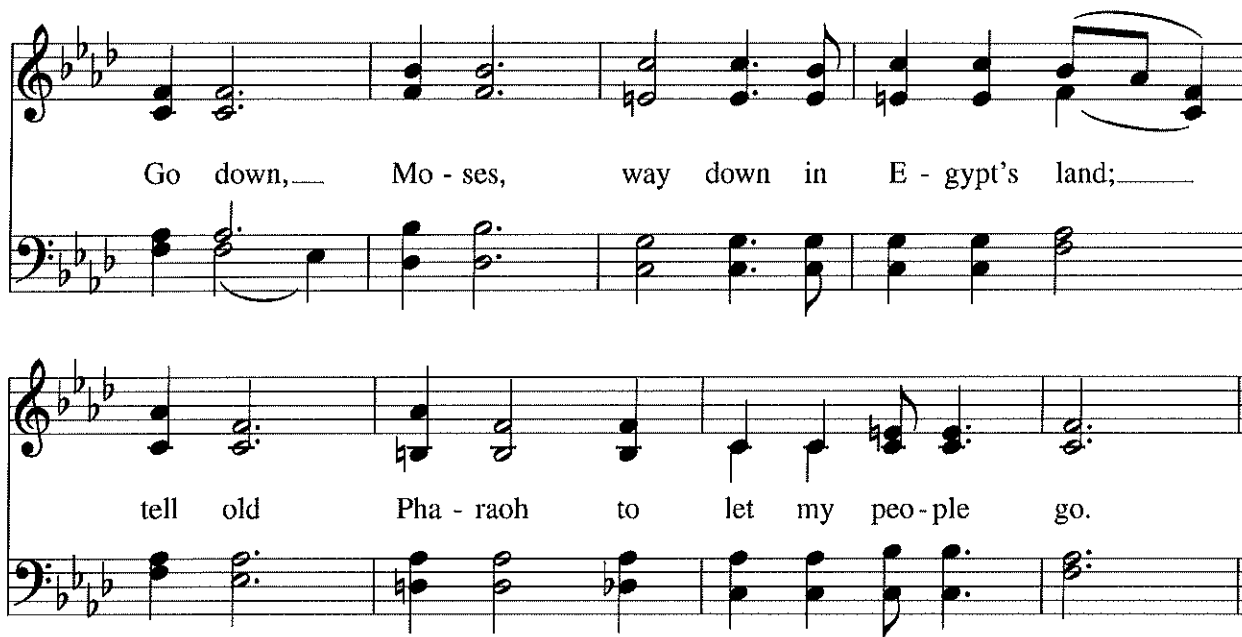
OFFERTORY HYMN *Go Down, Moses* (LEVAS 228)



1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;
2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;
3. They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo - ple go;
4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo - ple go;



1. op - pressed so hard they — could not stand, let my peo - ple go.
2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.
3. and come at length to — Ca - naan's land, let my peo - ple go.
4. and let us all in — Christ be free, let my peo - ple go.



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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

1982 HYMNAL SERVICE MUSIC #S125

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

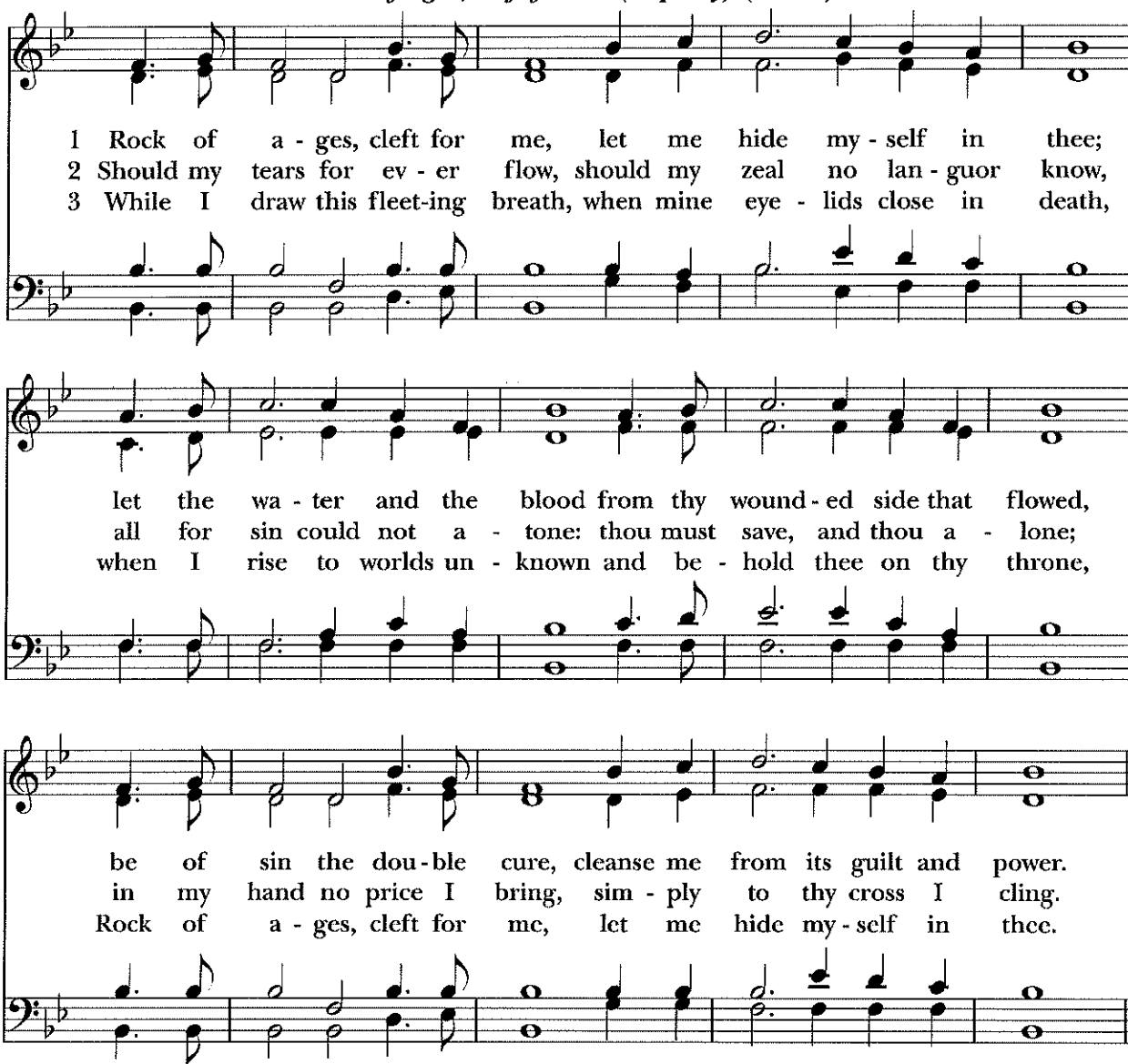
Be known to us Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Be known to us Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *Rock of ages, cleft for me (Toplady) (H 685)*



1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

ANTHEM BY CHOIR

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

LENTEN PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing (Sicilian)* (H 344)

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and - peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

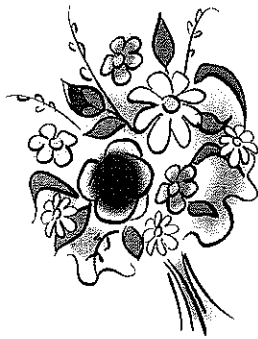
POSTLUDE

From riteplanning.com. Copyright © 2025 Church Publishing Inc. All rights reserved. "Permission to reprint/podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from One License with license #A-731986 and from CCLI License #21159618,

TODAY

Coffee Hour Forum with Lori Daniels – Legacy Planning

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



Mary E. Deets,

*Beloved Mother of Kathleen Deets Price
and Grandmother of Kristine Dickinson Pabody and James
Dickinson*

by

Kathleen Deets Price

Announcements:

Coffee Hour Forum on Legacy Planning, Sunday, March 23rd Plan to stay for coffee hour and hear from Lori Daniels of Church Foundation about Legacy Planning and the various opportunities available for us.

Brown Bag Bible Study on Monday, March 24th begins at 11:30 a.m. through 1 p.m. in the social hall. You may bring your lunch.

Healing Service on Thursday, March 27th at Noon via Zoom. Commemorating Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines and of Western New York, 1929

Sunday, March 30th at 11 a.m. (after coffee hour) The final adult forum in our **Gospels Series** continues with the Gospel of John.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE TRINITY

**323 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, Pennsylvania 19320
610-384-4771**

Office Email: Trinitycoates@aol.com

Website: www.trinitycoatesville.org

Parish Administrator Office Hours:

Mon – Thurs: 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday: Office Closed

Rector: The Reverend Sherry Deets

Home Phone: 610-380-0462

Email: revsherrydeets@aol.com

Organist and Choirmaster: Rachel Lee Anemone

Parish Administrator: Jamoca Harkins 610-384-4771 (trinitycoates@aol.com)

Community Engagement Coordinator: Liz Hulse (liztrinity323@gmail.com)

VESTRY

Sr. Warden: Chris Haak

Jr. Warden: Dennis Dantzler

Treasurer: Minnie Kirwin

Greg Bentley

Nora Bush

Pat Bush

Al Carey

Violet Cole

Donna Fleck

Stacey Heston

Joseph Kirkner

Kent Nation

Betty Sullivan