

**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 12, 2021

9:30 AM

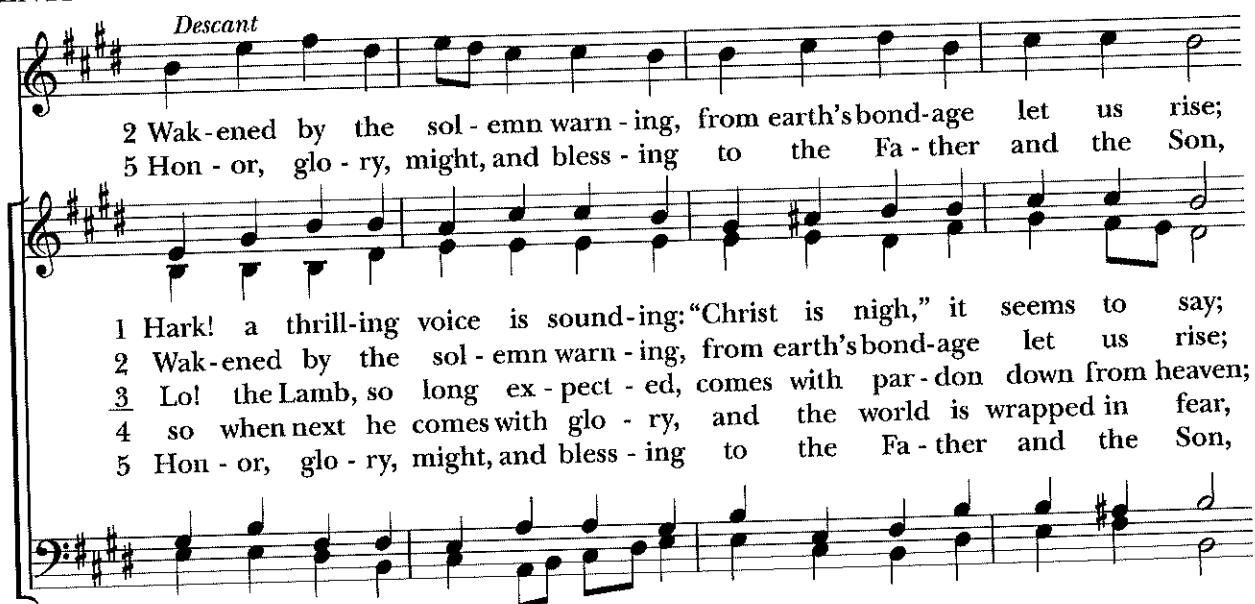
Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

Entrance Rite

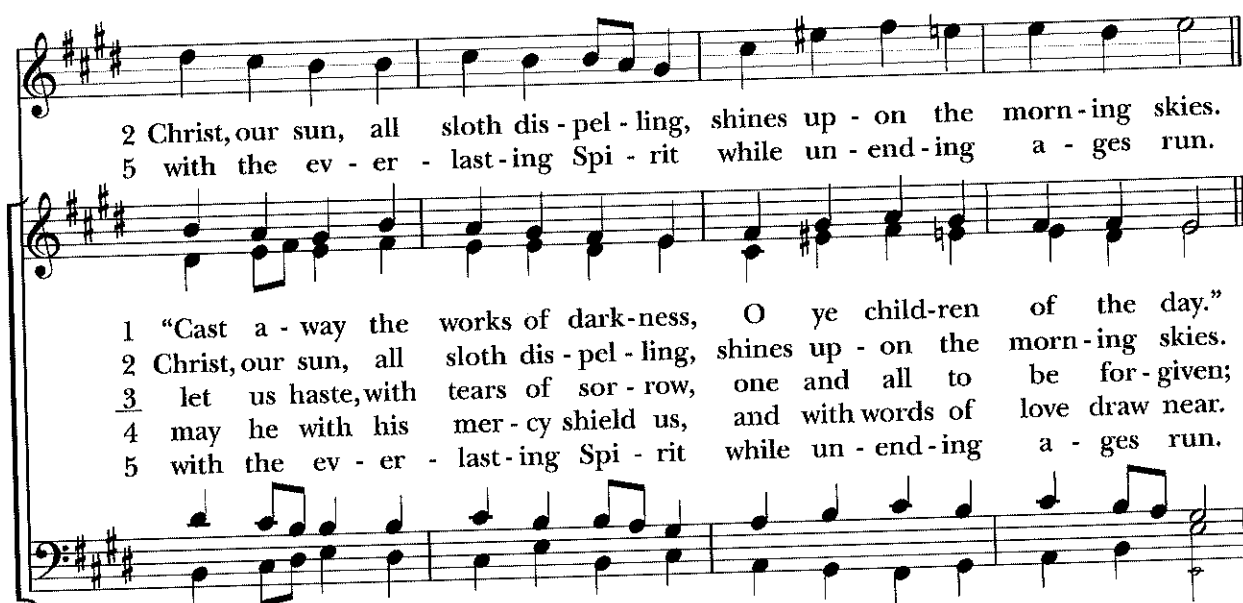
ENTRANCE HYMN *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding (Merton) (H 59)*

Descant



2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.

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 a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system is the 'Refrain' and includes the lyrics 'Glo - - - - - ri - a'. The second system includes the lyrics 'in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -'. The third system includes the lyrics '- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a strong emphasis on the word 'Gloria'.

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.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Cantic 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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Christ is coming. Christ is coming.

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 stand.

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 that peace so much greater than we can imagine, saying: Quicken your Spirit within us; O Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace in the world: May the wars on every continent cease, may nations be at rest, may refugees and survivors find a new home and the spirit to begin again. May wounds be healed, losses grieved, and honorable deeds remembered. May grace abound in all lands, and the lion and the lamb lie content. Quicken your Spirit within us; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

For this assembly: May we let go of our vested interests and inspired by your Spirit seek peace with one another. Help us give up the grievances we harbor within our families and communities and among our co-workers and friends. Help us build trust, the cornerstone of all reconciled relationships. Quicken your Spirit within us; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For peace where we live, work and recreate, and for peace within ourselves: May the noises in and around us diminish so that we can hear the sounds of the trees, the birds, the winds, and the rain. Give us space and time to hear ourselves, to feel our own feelings and express our own longings, knowing that the only one true longing is your longing for us. Quicken your Spirit within us; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our young people: Let us provide space for them in our midst, and time to reassure them in their insecurities, encourage them in their hopes, and ever strengthen them in their gifts. Quicken your Spirit within us; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the elderly and the infirm: We give thanks for the health and long life that many enjoy, and we pray for those who are overcome with suffering in body and spirit, especially those effected by the coronavirus and for those listed here that are near to our hearts, and those we now name silently or out loud (*a period of silence*):

Violet Armstead, Clair Armstrong, Angie Ashe, Molly Baldwin, Marsha Barley, Velda Baynard, Chrissie Belamarich, Marie Hyacinthe Bribal, Anthony Brogan, Walter Bryant, Carol, Carolyn, Lola Clarke, Violet Cole, Millie Connor, Didi, Dorothy, Andrea Dudley, Charles Emmett, Morris Ferguson, Karen Fisher, Mary Fleck, Cassie Foreman, Kyla Foreman, Jacob Furlong, Bianca Giannotti, Ruth Gardiner,

Linda Graber, Samantha Griggs, Livi Guthridge, Lillian Hadler, Susan Hanft, Scott Hansberry, Margaret Harrell, Mary Harris, Esther Harvey, Matt Hess, Janice, Danyell Jackson, Jay, Diane Kitson, Jodi Lancaster, John and Lindsay, Lisa Kivett, Sye Lamar, Melanie Lifer, Olivia Lyons, Paige McClean, Mia, Mickey, Brian Miller, Adam Nolt, Jessica Nupponen, Meredith Olseski, Ben Phillips, Stephen Phillips, Lynn Pullman, Arlene Purnsley, Michael Rayner, Jacob Rockoff, Flora Rutledge, Judy Skoniczin, Mary Shidlowksi, Erma Sinsabaugh, Barb Smelter, Stephen Smelter, Calvin Smith, Colby Stackhouse, Stephanie, Linda Still, Sue, Becky Swaggart, Dihona Talton and children, JoAnn Tarrant, Bill Terry, Tom, Tom Wagner, Vicki Romberger, Norman Walters, Cyndi Walters, Isaac Warnick, Sally Warren, Paul Wayne, Mary Nell Weiss, Chanel Wiest, Ruby Williams, Art Wyatt

Help us comfort one another and share with one another, knowing that whatever we ask for in prayer, those needs will be satisfied. Quicken your Spirit within us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those 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 here that are near to our hearts and those we name silently or out loud (*a period of silence*):

Police: Sgt Lori and Jeff Kistle

Military: PVT Austin Combs, PO2 Jason Combs, PO3 Andrew Combs, 1CPT Corey Combs, MAJ Alex Deets, Seaman William Dowling, 1st LT Frank Furman, Jr., PFC Shane McWilliams, MGSgt Troy Meacham, PVT Kaleel Pernsley, Specialist Jason Sage, CPL Ryan Sage, CPT Jeremy Smith, LCDR Michael Sracic MC, MSgt Rewa Price and Capt. Greg Wuestner,

Quicken your Spirit within us; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays this week - Anne Lutz, William McWilliams and Shane McWilliams. Quicken your Spirit within us; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who will die this day, and for the beloved dead whom we have entrusted to you, especially for Barbara Thompson, for whom the altar flowers are given; that you will be present to them, speaking your name in comfort and in power. Quicken your Spirit within us; **Lord, 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*

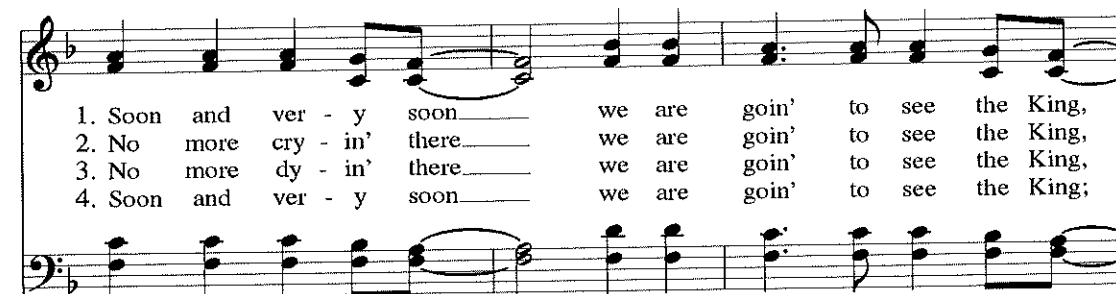
OFFERTORY HYMN *Soon, Very Soon* (LEVAS 14)



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; _____



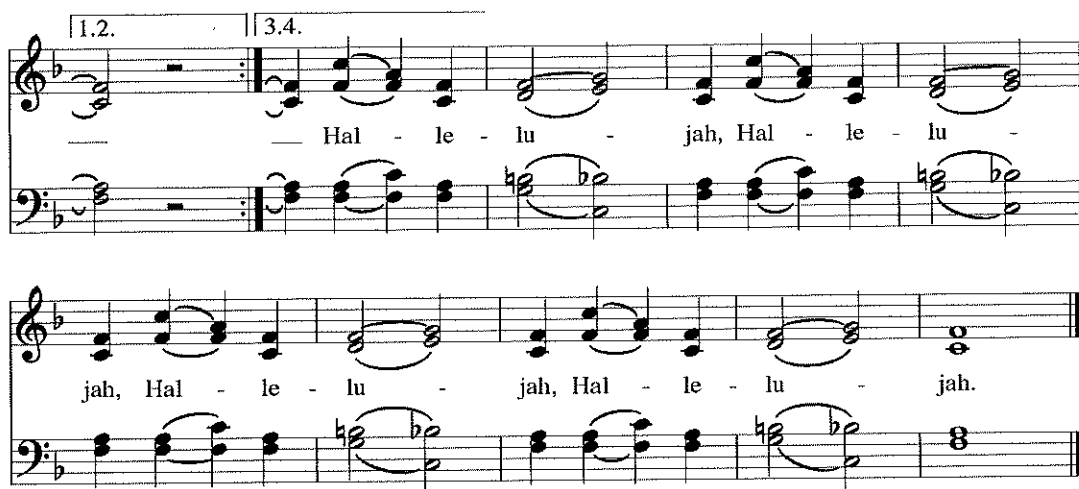
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2. No more cry - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King,
3. No more dy - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King,
4. Soon and ver - y soon _____ we are goin' to see the King;



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



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.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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.

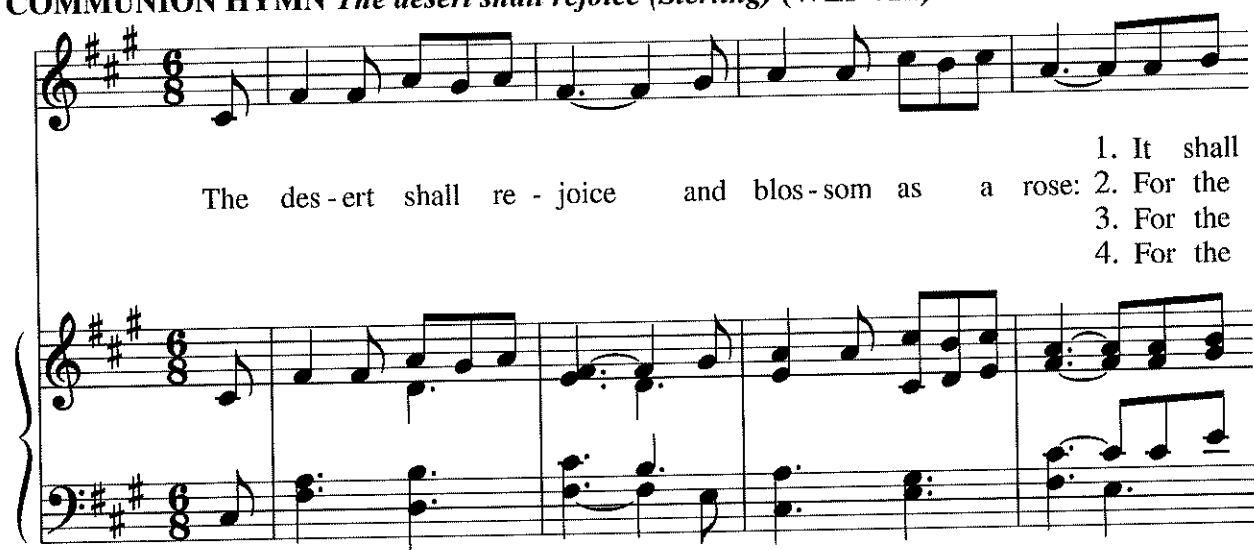
Be known to us Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia!

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

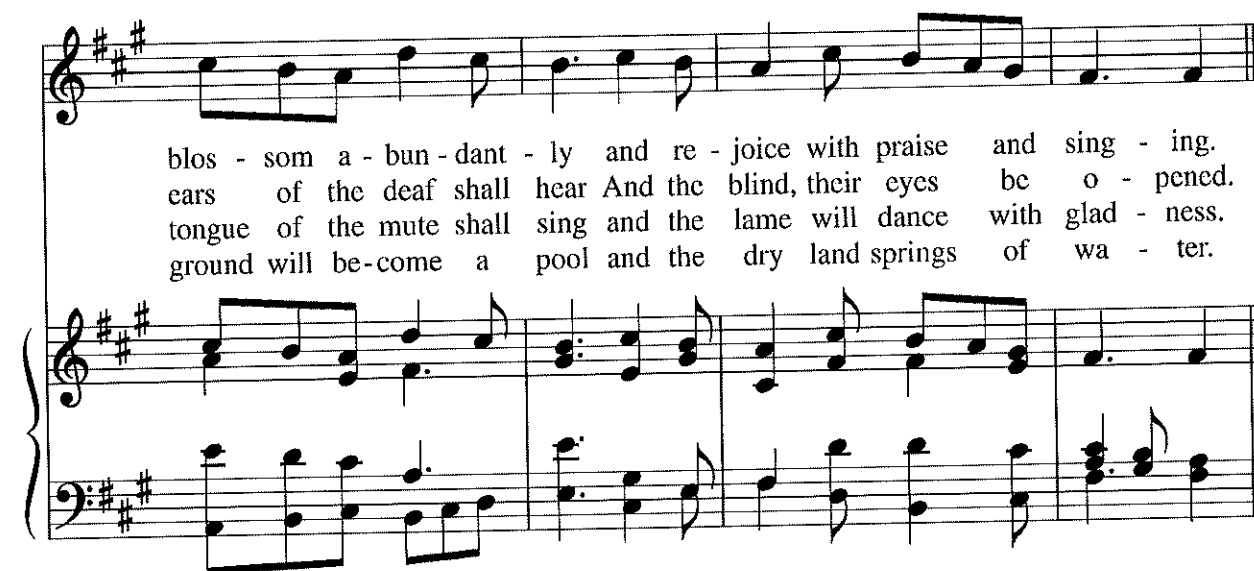
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *The desert shall rejoice (Sterling) (WLP 722)*



The des-ert shall re - joice and blos-som as a rose:

1. It shall
2. For the
3. For the
4. For the



blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.
ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.
tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.
ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
as the ransomed return to God
and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
unto Zion we come with joy,
for our God has come to save us.

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

POST-COMMUNION 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.

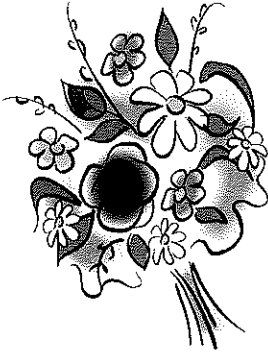


DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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TODAY

Vestry Meeting at 11 a.m. in Stone Hall

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

Barbara Thompsons

by
Michael Thompson

*Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine
upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace*

Announcements:

*Thursday Healing Service on **December 16th at Noon via Zoom**, commemorating Ralph Adams Cram 1942, and Richard Upjohn, 1878, Architects, and John LaFarge, Artist, 1910.

*Angel Tree Christmas party at Thorndale Volunteer Fire Hall, **Sunday, December 19th Noon-4 p.m.** (please have your gifts back to Trinity by December 12th)

***Christmas Eve Service, Friday, December 24th at 7 p.m.**

***Christmas Lesson and Carols, Sunday, December 26th at 9:30 a.m.**

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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.*