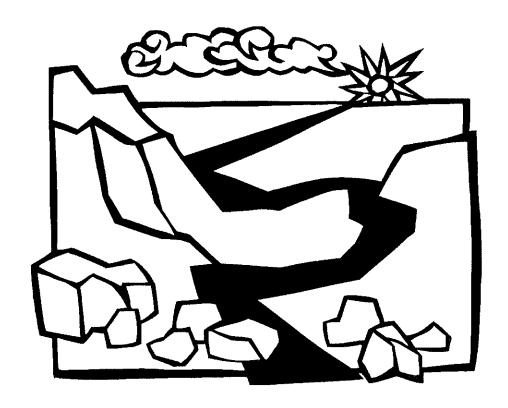
CHURCH OF THE TRINITY Coatesville in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

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.



"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight."

December 5, 2021

9:30 AM

Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

Entrance Rite





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)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant T.

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Baruch.

¹Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

²Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; ³for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. ⁴For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

⁵Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. ⁶For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. ⁷For God has ordered that every high mountain and

⁷For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

⁸The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command.

⁹For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Canticle 4: The Song of Zechariah

Remain seated.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us * in the house of his servant David,

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, * which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies, * and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, * and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, * that he would give us,

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies * might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him, * all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, * for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people * for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (CHRIST IS COMING - LEVAS 6)

Christ is coming. Prepare the Way. Christ is coming. Prepare the Way. Christ is coming. Christ is coming.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

All stand.

Deacon

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

'Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

'and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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.

In joy at the nearness of the Christ, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

May the power of God's holy presence clear a path through the rubble of broken lives and hearts to make our world and all of us a new creation. For this let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

May our gracious God be always for us a shepherd to console and comfort us, to nourish all our deep hungers, and to make us live in peace forever. For this let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

May we come to find in the desert of our lives the gift of forgiveness and the waters of a new Jordan that bring cleansing refreshment. For this let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

May the God of John the Baptist and our God continue to raise up holy prophets in our midst who will tell the good news of saving rescue for all people. For this let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need, 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 Shidlowski, 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

For this let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

May the God of strength be with 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, LCMDR Michael Sracic MC, MSgt Rewa Price and Capt. Greg Wuestner,

For this let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

May the God of joy be present for those in our parish family celebrating birthdays this week - Bella Baynard. For this let us pray to the Lord, *hear our prayer*.

May the God who is our future in the gift of Jesus Christ hold us always in the embrace of faithful love and bring us to new heavens and a new earth. For this let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

May God be with those who will die this day, and for the beloved dead whom we have entrusted to you, especially for Nelson and Esther Chambers, for whom the altar flowers are given. For this let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Recall us to our baptism, O Lord, and hear our cries for ourselves and for the whole world, for we pray in the name of the one who came, Jesus 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



The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd 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 God Will Take Care of You (LEVAS 183)



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

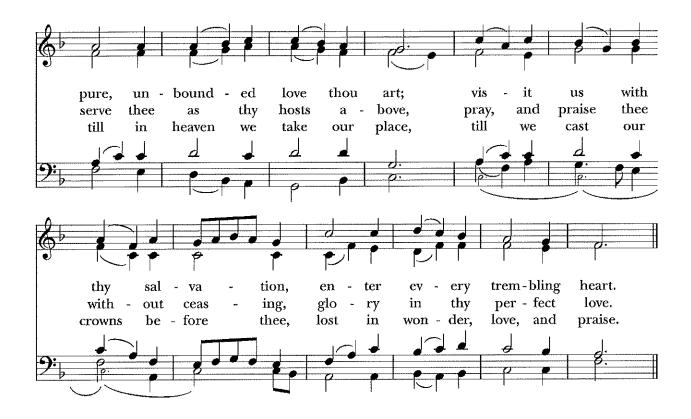
After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

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





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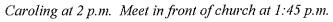
Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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TODAY





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

Nelson & Esther Chambers

by Margaret Bragg

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

Announcements:

- *Caroling through downtown Coatesville, Sunday, December 5th at 2 p.m. Meet in front of the steps of Trinity at 1:45 p.m.
- * NO Thursday Healing Service on December 9th
- *Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 11th 10 a.m. to Noon.
- *Vestry Meeting, Sunday, December 12th at 11 a.m.
- *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 ANGEL'S CANDLE OF PEACE Second 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: Hark, the herald angels sing: Glory to the newborn

king... (sung a cappella)

Leader: "And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will to men!' (Luke 2:13-14)" Can you imagine what life would be like if all people lived according to the blessing of the angels? If we

all were to glorify God in everything we do, work together to ensure peace on earth and always share goodwill with

our fellow man?

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People: Hark, the herald angels sing: Glory to the newborn

king... (sung a cappella)

Leader: Today, we relight the Prophet's Candle of Hope and we light the Angel's Candle of Peace. As we light this candle, we acknowledge that only our long-awaited Messiah can provide a peace that passes human understanding and gives our hearts rest. Take time this week to seek out that

peace the angels wished for us so long ago.

All: Almighty God, thank you for the blessing of the angels. May we hold Your peace in our hearts as a rock, upon which we can anchor our lives and find sure footing in the midst of life's storms. You came to bring peace to all people – Jew and Gentile alike. Help us work to find peace even with those who seem different than us. Keep us mindful of others and make us brave to share your peace with a world that so desperately needs it. Amen.