

**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.*



*"My spirit rejoices in God my savior."*

**December 11, 2022**

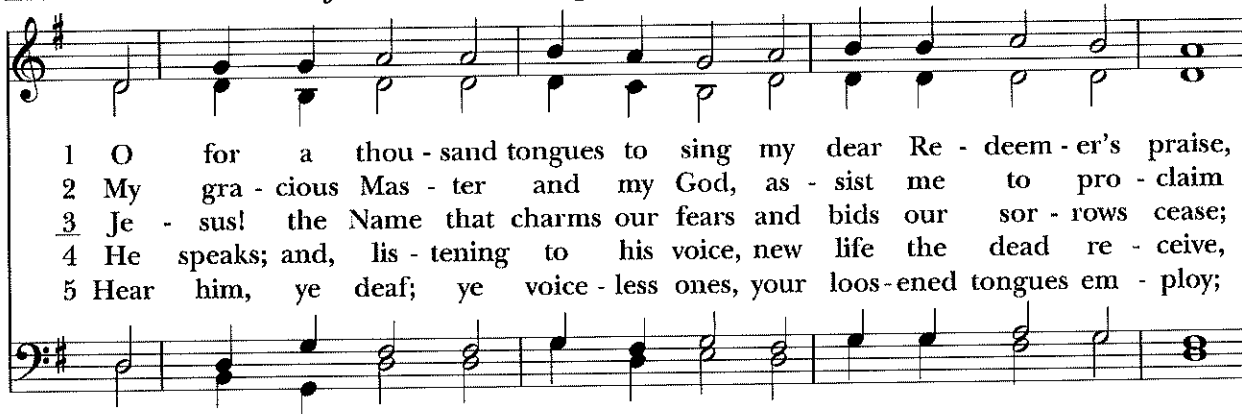
**9:30 AM**

Third Sunday of Advent


## PRELUDE

### Entrance Rite

#### ENTRANCE HYMN *O for a thousand tongues to sing (Azmon) (H 493)*



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

#### 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*

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## 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: Isaiah 35:1-10

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

'The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,

the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God’s people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## **PSALM: Psalm 146:4-9**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, \*  
**whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

<sup>5</sup>Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
**who keeps his promise forever;**

<sup>6</sup>Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
**and food to those who hunger.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
**the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
**he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD shall reign forever, \*  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

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

*Christ is coming. Prepare the Way.*

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## **GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11**

*All stand.*

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

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.'

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON BY THE REV. SHERRY DEETS**

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*All rise as you are able.*

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All remain standing.*

*Jesus said that the signs of God's dominion were to be seen in the healing of the sick, the raising of the dead to new life, and the preaching of good news to the poor. Let us pray that our lives may be the instruments of God's work in the world, saying: O God, most worthy of praise, hear our prayer.*

We thank you, God, for the gift of creation. Grant that we who bear your image may be faithful stewards of your gift and administer its bounty with wisdom for the good of all your creatures. O God, most worthy of praise, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you that you have called us to be your people. Give us patience as we await your coming and grant us wisdom to discern your will in our daily lives, that each of us may serve others for the building up of our common life. O God, most worthy of praise, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the community of faith throughout the world. Strengthen your church as it witnesses to your love. Guide us in the fulfillment of your mission, that all may be one. O God, most worthy of praise, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the privilege of ministering to others. We remember before you all who are sick or in need, especially those listed who 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, Marie Hyacinthe Bribal, Anthony Brogan, Walter Bryant, Carol, Carolyn, Lola Clarke, Millie Connor, Didi, Dorothy, Andrea Dudley, Ellie, Charles Emmett, Morris Ferguson, Karen Fisher, Mary Fleck, Cassie Foreman, Kyla Foreman, Jacob Furlong, Bianca Giannotti, Ruth Gardiner, Linda Graber, Samantha Griggs, Erika Haak, Lillian Hadler, Susan Hanft, Scott Hansberry, Esther Harvey, Matt Hess, Hannah Heyward, Janice, Danyell Jackson, Jay, Pete Jennings, Diane Kitson, Jodi Lancaster, Alison Lauren, John and Lindsay, Lisa Kivett, Sye Lamar, Melanie Lifer, Olivia Lyons, Paige McClean, Kevin McGlooin, Mia, Mickey, Brian Miller, Tracy Mulligan, Bruce Murray, Adam Nolt, Jessica Nupponen, Meredith Olseski, April Phillips, Ben Phillips, Antonia Planamento, Lynn Pullman, Arlene Purnsley, Michael Rayner, Jacob Rockoff, Flora Rutledge, Judy Skoniczin, Shane, Thomas Shanley, Mary Shidlowski, Erma Sinsabaugh, Barb Smelter, Stephen Smelter, Calvin Smith, Robin Spicher, Colby Stackhouse, Debra Stackwicz, Stephanie, Linda Still, Sue, Becky Swaggart, Dihona Talton and children, Bill Terry, Evans Thompson, Tom, Tom Wagner, Vicki Romberger, Norman Walters, Cyndi Walters, Isaac Warnick, Sally Warren, Paul Wayne, Mary Nell Weiss, Chanel Wiest, Brendan Willauer, Ruby Williams*

Grant us the grace to accept suffering with patience and to be strengthened by our common life in the body of Christ. O God, most worthy of praise, **hear our prayer.**

We pray 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 who are near to our hearts and those we name silently or out loud (*a period of silence*):

*Police: Sgt Lori and Jeff Kistle, Marquis Costello*

*Military: PVT Austin Combs, PO2 Jason Combs, PO3 Andrew Combs, ICPT Corey Combs, Skylar Dantzler, 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, LCMDCR Michael Sracic MC, and MSgt Rewa Price*

O God, most worthy of praise, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for those in our parish family celebrating birthdays this week - Anne Lutz, William McWilliams and Shane McWilliams. O God, most worthy of praise, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for your countless gifts. Above all, we thank you for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, and for our unity in him through baptism. O God, most worthy of praise, **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. O God, most worthy of praise, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*We offer our thanksgiving and prayers to you, the one God and the source of light and life, now and forever. 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.*

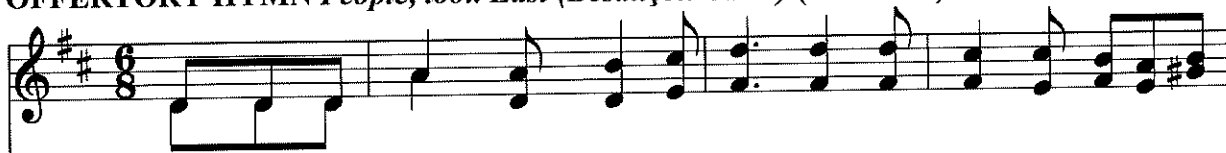
# The Holy Communion

## 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 *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.





# The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.

*People*            We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*            It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*        It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life  
and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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

## THE HYMNAL 1982 SERVICE MUSIC #S 125

*Celebrant and People*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Cyril, our Patron Saint, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER LEVAS #264**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing.

*People and Celebrant*

***Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

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

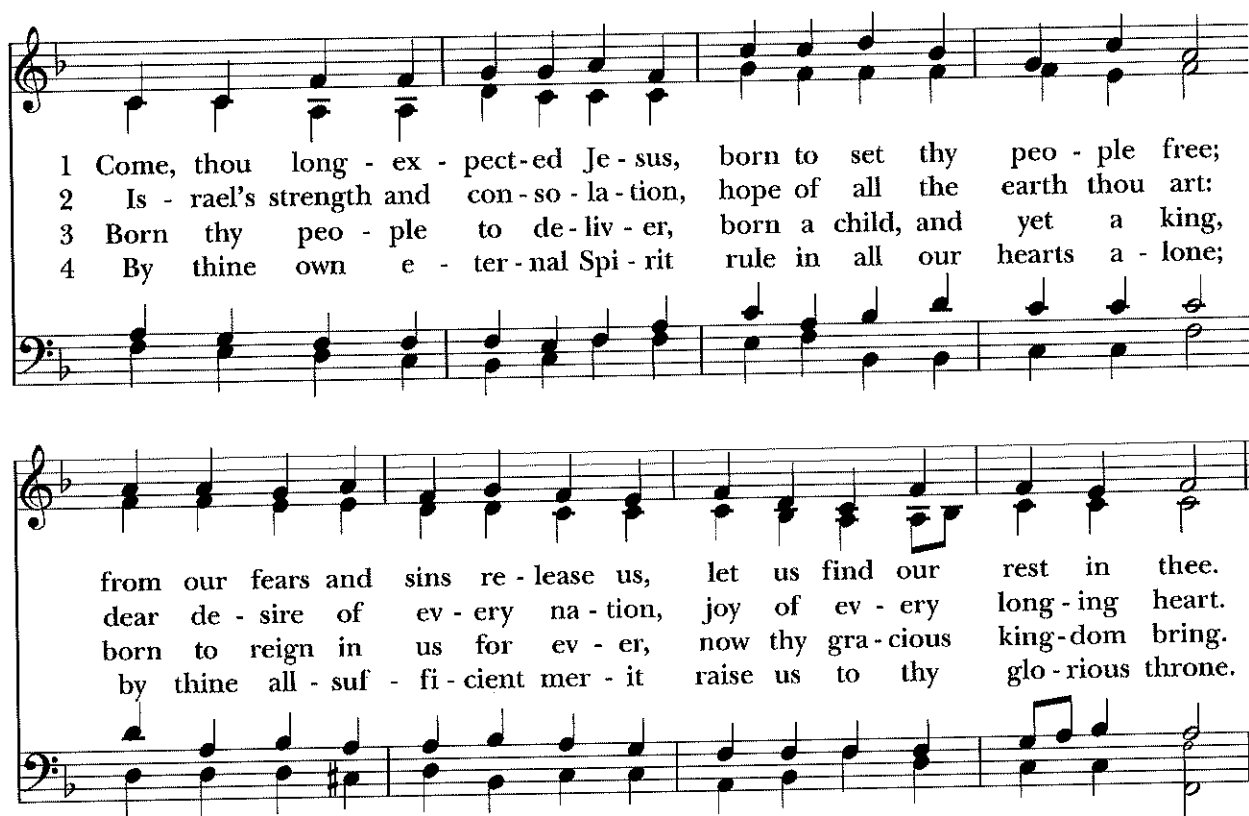
***Be known to us Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia!***

### **INVITATION**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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



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

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

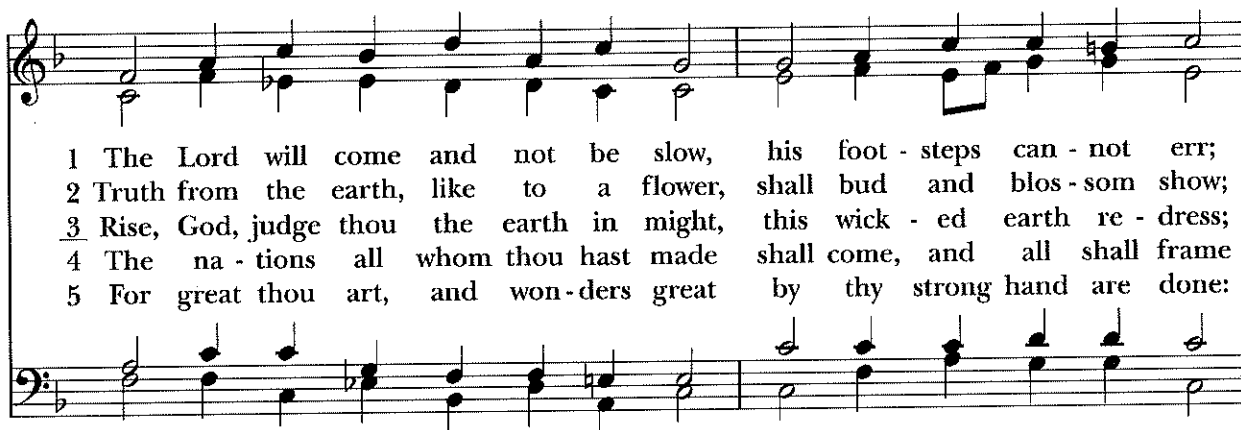
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

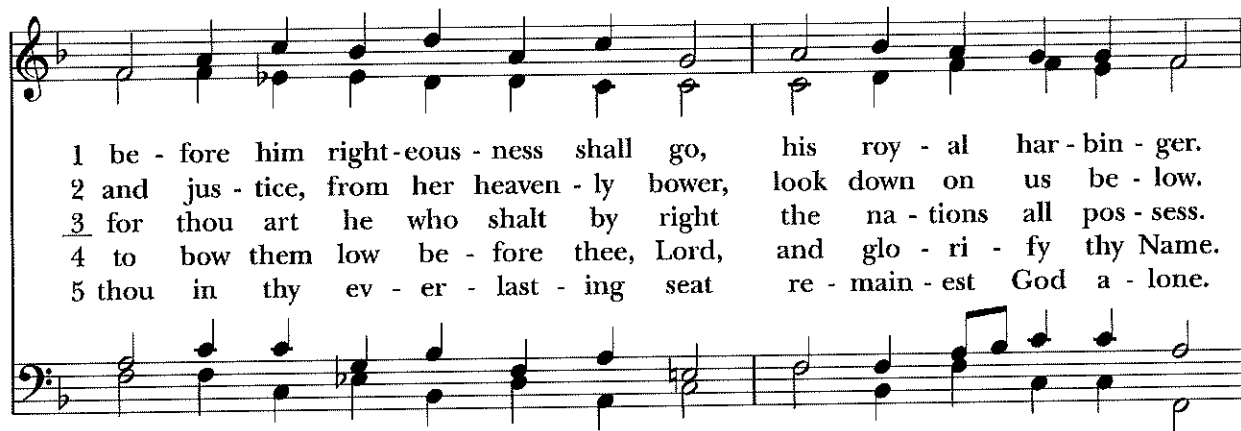
*God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and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

## BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *The Lord will come and not be slow (York) (H 462)*



1 The Lord will come and not be slow, his foot - steps can - not err;  
 2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blos - som show;  
3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wick - ed earth re - dress;  
 4 The na - tions all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame  
 5 For great thou art, and won - ders great by thy strong hand are done:



1 be - fore him right - eous - ness shall go, his roy - al har - bin - ger.  
 2 and jus - tice, from her heaven - ly bower, look down on us be - low.  
3 for thou art he who shalt by right the na - tions all pos - sess.  
 4 to bow them low be - fore thee, Lord, and glo - ri - fy thy Name.  
 5 thou in thy ev - er - last - ing seat re - main - est God a - lone.

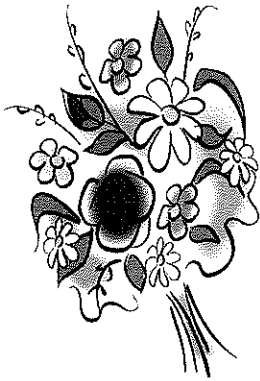
## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

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## TODAY



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

***Barbara Thompson***

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, December 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon** via Zoom.

**Retirement Party for Deacon Joan Wylie, Sunday, December 18** after the church service. Deacon Joan is retiring from Trinity at year end and we want to send her off in good Trinity fashion with a gathering after the church service on December 18<sup>th</sup> in Stone Hall.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 8 p.m., Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Lessons and Carols with Communion, Sunday, January 1 at 9:30 a.m.**

Teddy Bears for the Teddy Bear Ministry are available to give to someone who could use a little Trinity love.

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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.*