

**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.*



"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

February 12, 2023

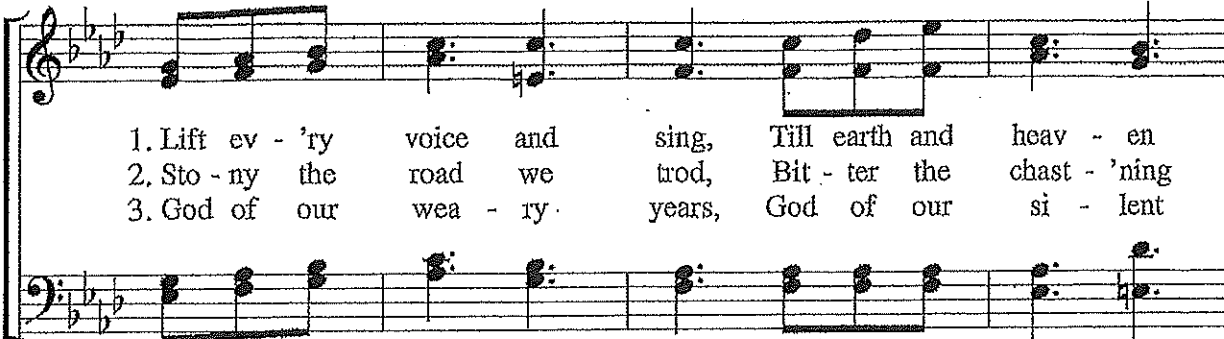
9:30 AM

Blessed Absalom Feast

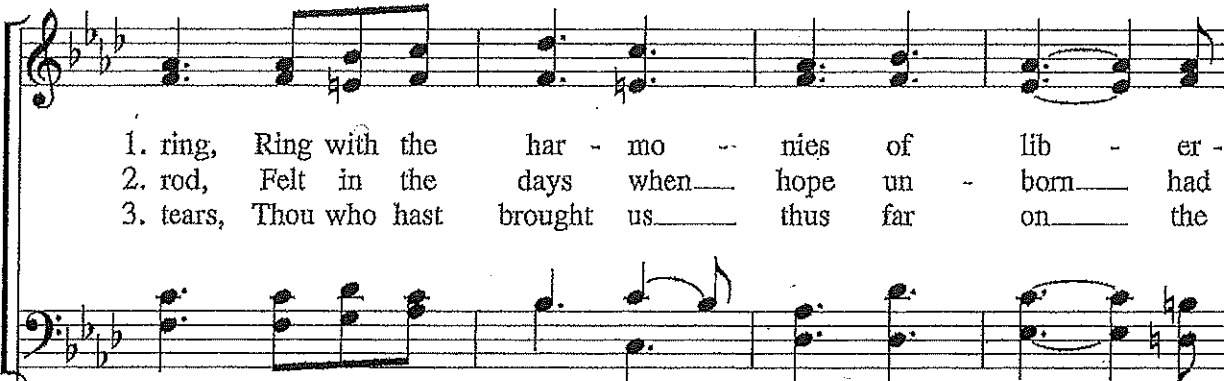
PRELUDE:

Entrance Rite


ENTRANCE HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS 1)



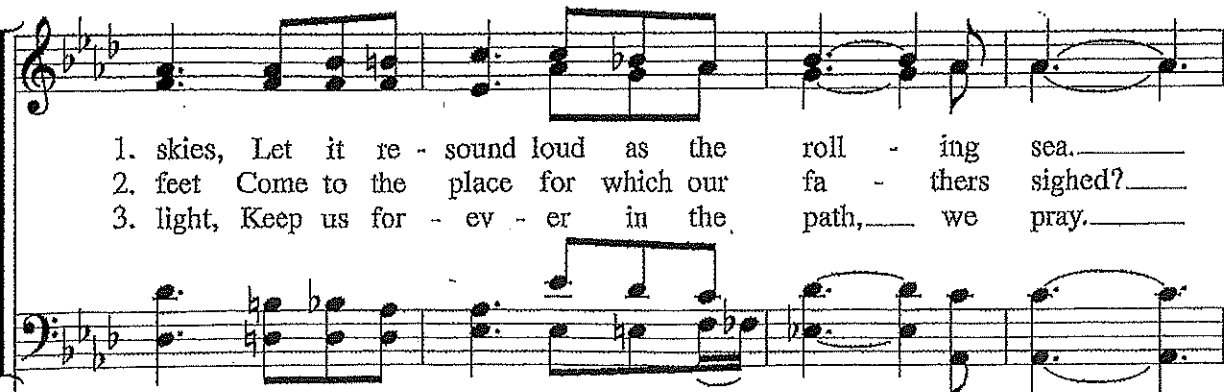
1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent



1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the



1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning
2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y
3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the



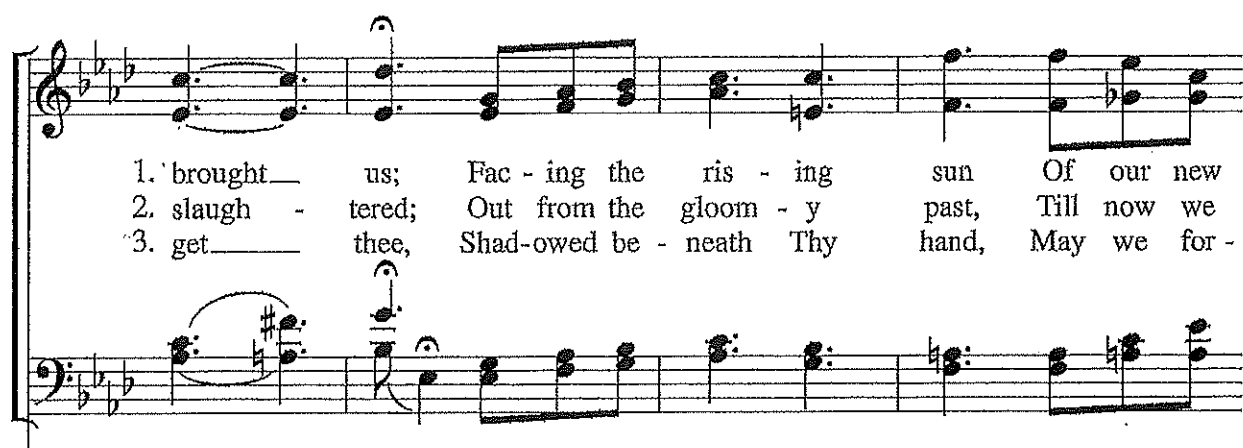
1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



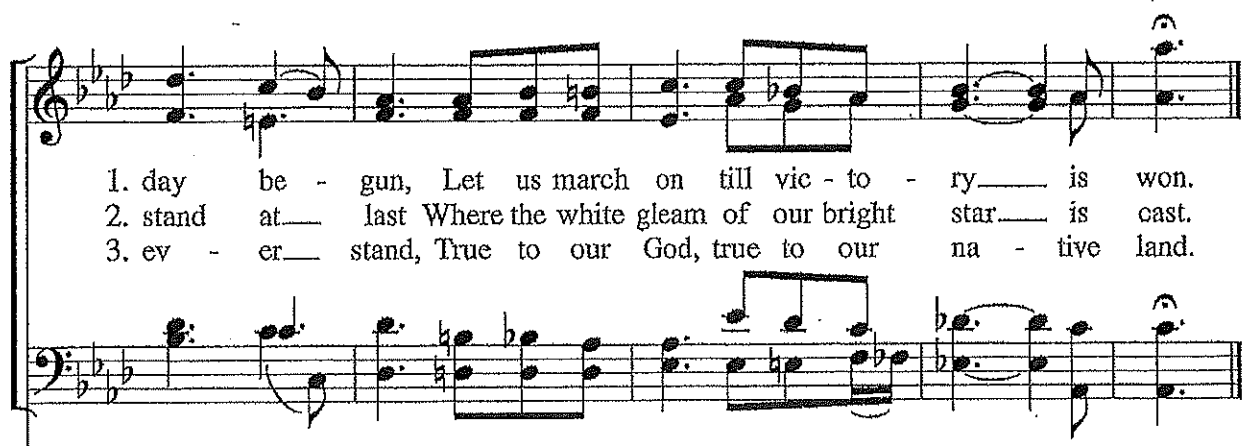
1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;



1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -



1. 'brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 3. get thee, Shad-owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -



1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 2. stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant God of Light, Light of Light, true God of true God.

People **WE BLESS YOU!**

Celebrant Object of the Magi's search, subject of an old man's song, fulfillment of the Baptist's preaching.

People **WE BLESS YOU!**

Celebrant Mary's son, Joseph's son, God's only son.

People **WE BLESS YOU!**

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

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:5-9

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 126

Remain seated.

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,*
we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;*
then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us,*
and we rejoiced.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,*
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵May those who sow in tears*
reap with shouts of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,*
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (Caribbean/Sedio)*

All stand.

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GOSPEL: John 15:12-15

All stand.

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

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

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

THE SERMON BY THE REV. SHERRY DEETS

THE CREED

All rise as you are able.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Cleansed in the blood of the Lamb, and one in communion with all the saints of every time and place, let us offer our prayers to the God who loves us, saying, God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For those who lead and guide the Church of Christ; for loving care, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For faithful witness, fellowship in love; for living hope, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For those who guide the nations of the earth; that wisdom reign, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For those who seek and serve the common good; that justice reign, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For neighbors' needs, for shelter from the storm; for homes of peace, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For those oppressed, for those who live in fear; that they be freed, we pray to you, O Lord
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For all the sick, and the dying, especially for 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, Tony Carroll, Lola Clarke, Betsy Comstock, Millie Connor, Didi, Dorothy, Andrea Dudley, Ellie, Charles Emmett, Morris Ferguson, Karen Fisher, Mary Fleck, Cassie Foreman, Kyla Foreman, Jacob Furlong, Bianca Giannotti, Linda Graber, Samantha Griggs, 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 McGloon, Mia, Mickey, Brian Miller, Tracy Mulligan, Bruce Murray, Adam Nolt, Jessica Nupponen, Meredith Olseski, Betty Peirce, April Phillips, Ben Phillips, Antonia Planamento, Lynn Pullman, Arlene Purnsley, Michael Rayner, Jacob Rockoff, Flora Rutledge, Judy Skoniczin, Shane, Thomas Shanley, Mary Shidlowksi, 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, Evelyn Weyrich, Chanel Wiest, Brendan Willauer, Ruby Williams

may there be life and grace, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For all who protect and serve, as well as their families: the police, the firefighters, emergency medical personnel and those serving in the military, especially those listed who are near to our hearts and those we name silently or out loud (*a period of silence*):

Police: Sgt Lori and Jeff Kistle, Marquis Costello

Military: PVT Austin Combs, PO2 Jason Combs, PO3 Andrew Combs, 1CPT 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, LCMDR Michael Sracic MC, and MSgt Rewa Price

We pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays this week: Andrew Bentley, Martha Rutledge and Patricia Hendricks, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For all the dreams held deep within our hearts; for all our needs, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For the saints who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest, especially for George E. & Mildred Bassett Walters, for whom the altar flowers are given, and for all the saints on earth who surround us in a great fellowship of love, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Holy God, mighty God, immortal God, adored by angels and praised by the saints, receive the prayers of your holy church, and grant them in accordance with your gracious will, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

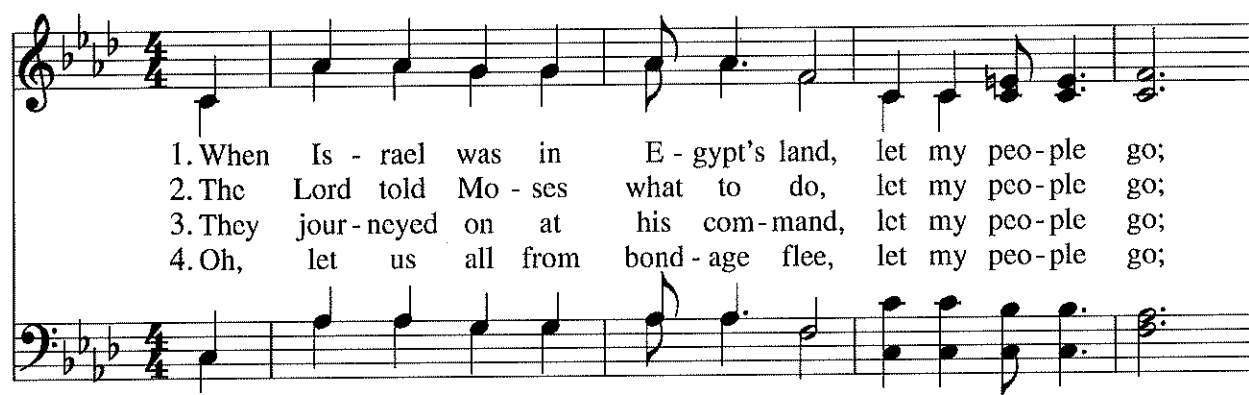
The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

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

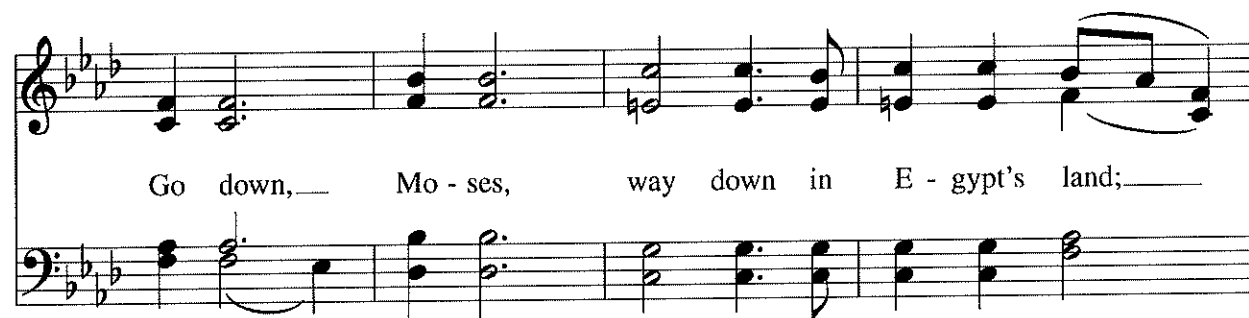
OFFERTORY HYMN *Go Down, Moses* (LEVAS 228)



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.



Go down, — Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land; —



tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

THE HYMNAL 1982 SERVICE MUSIC #S125

Presider and People

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

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Cyril, our Patron Saint, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER LEVAS #264

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

People and Celebrant

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

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

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

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *We Shall Overcome*

We shall o - ver - come, We shall o - ver - come, We shall o - ver - come some - day; Oh,

deep in my heart, I do be - lieve, (Oh)

We shall o - ver - come some - day. day.

2. We'll walk hand in hand, today.
3. God is on our side, today.

4. We are not afraid, today.
5. We shall live in peace, someday.

ANTHEM BY CHOIR

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

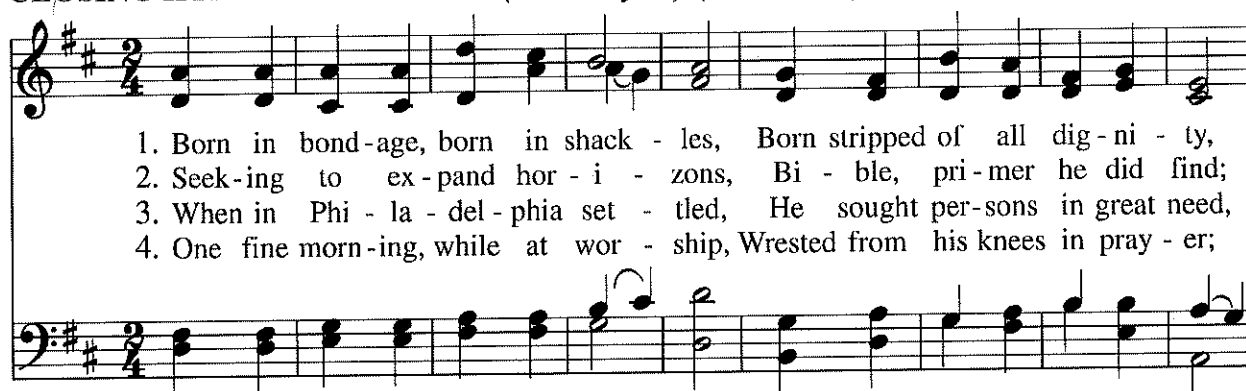
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

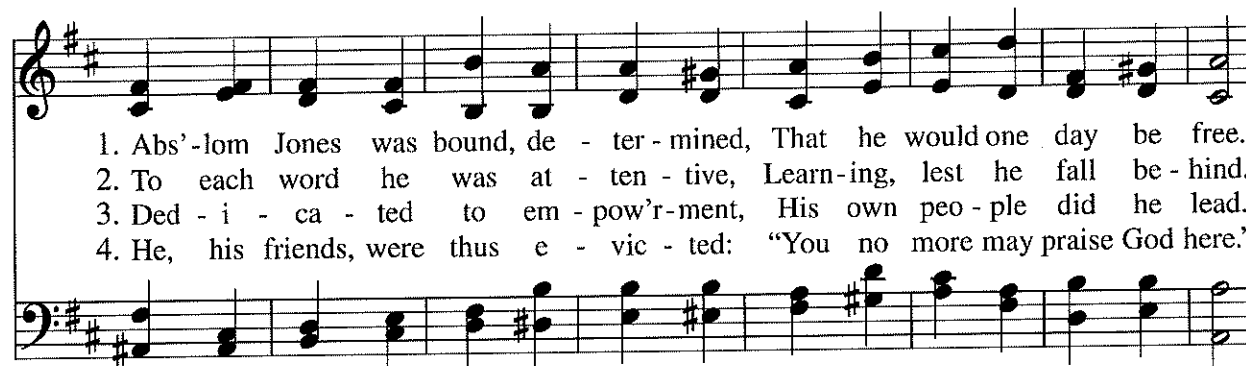
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

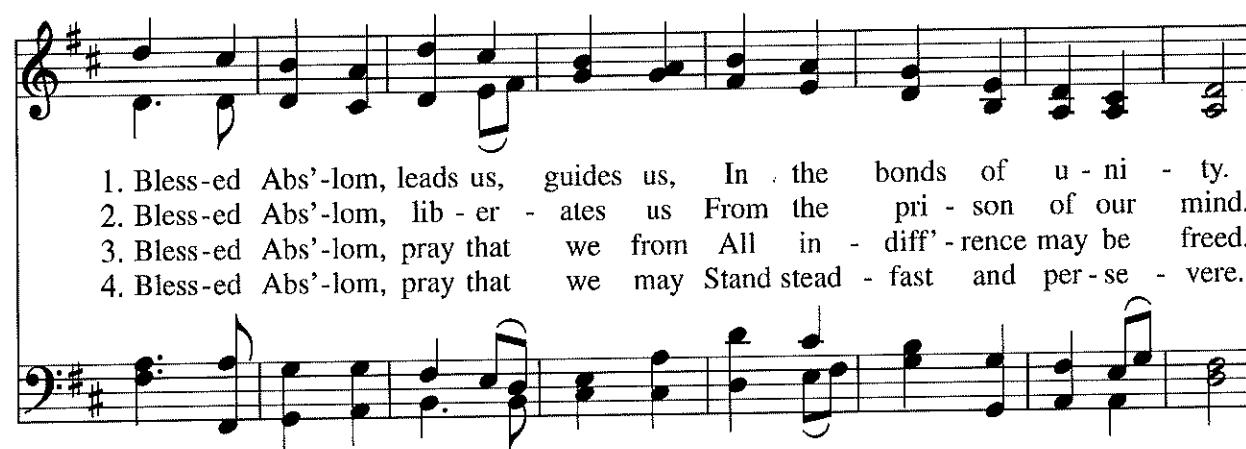
CLOSING HYMN *Blessed Absalom (February 13) (LEVAS 44)*



1. Born in bond-age, born in shack - les, Born stripped of all dig - ni - ty,
 2. Seek-ing to ex-pand hor - i - zons, Bi - ble, pri-mer he did find;
 3. When in Phi - la - del - phia set - tled, He sought per-sons in great need,
 4. One fine morn-ing, while at wor - ship, Wrested from his knees in pray - er;



1. Abs'-lom Jones was bound, de - ter - mined, That he would one day be free.
 2. To each word he was at - ten - tive, Learn-ing, lest he fall be - hind.
 3. Ded - i - ca - ted to em - pow'r-ment, His own peo - ple did he lead.
 4. He, his friends, were thus e - vic - ted: "You no more may praise God here."



1. Bless-ed Abs'-lom, leads us, guides us, In the bonds of u - ni - ty.
 2. Bless-ed Abs'-lom, lib - er - ates us From the pri - son of our mind.
 3. Bless-ed Abs'-lom, pray that we from All in - diff'-rence may be freed.
 4. Bless-ed Abs'-lom, pray that we may Stand stead - fast and per - se - vere.

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| <p>5. Founded he Saint Thomas' church for
 Afric's sons and daughters blest;
 Full-fledged members of Christ's Body,
 They no longer were oppressed.
 Blessed Abs'lom, pray that we may
 Be the church at Christ's behest.</p> | <p>6. Blessed Abs'lom Jones, first priest of
 Afric's stock within our fold;
 May we, inspired by your witness
 Raise up priests with hearts of gold!
 Blessed Abs'lom, pioneer, prophet
 May your story long be told!</p> |
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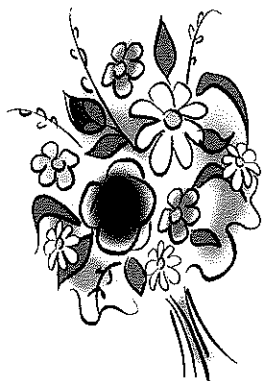
DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

TODAY



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

George E. & Mildred Bassett Walters

by
Gary & Georgiana Weil

*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:

Healing service Thursday, February 16th at Noon via Zoom, commemorating Charles Todd Quintard, Bishop of Tennessee, 1898

Vestry Meeting – Sunday, February 19th at 11 a.m. in Stone Hall.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Tuesday, February 21st beginning at 6 p.m. through 7:30 p.m. (come anytime). Pancakes, sausage, juices and homemade desserts. Adults \$5, children (4-10) \$2.50 and children under 3 are free.

Ash Wednesday Services – Wednesday, February 22 at Noon (no music) and 7 p.m. (with music)

The Giving envelopes are delayed in production/shipment. We hope to see them by the end of February. In the meantime, if you normally use a giving envelope, please place your check or cash in a blank envelope (available in the back) marked with your name so we may record it in our system toward your pledge payments. Thank you!

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

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