

**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.”

December 10, 2023

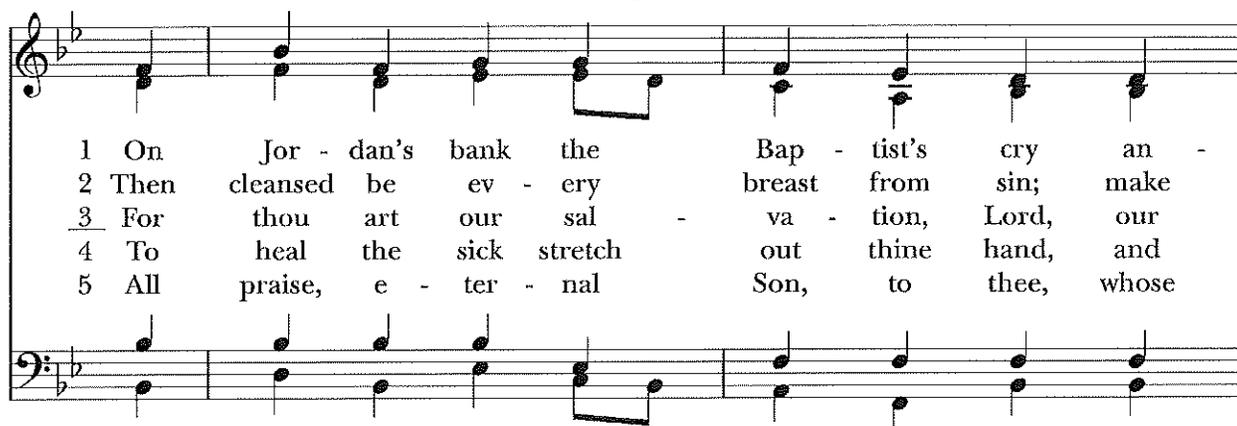
9:30 AM

The Second Sunday of Advent

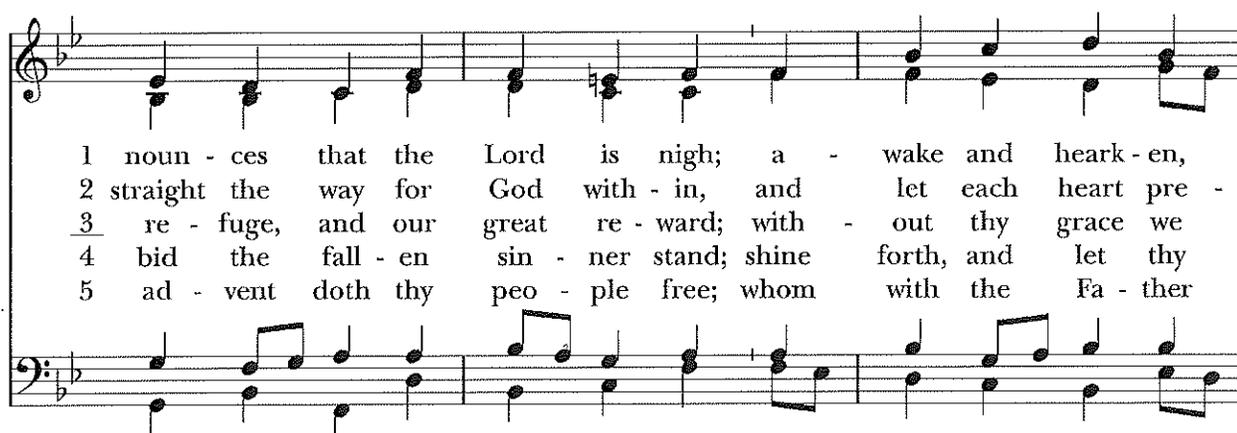
PRELUDE

Entrance Rite

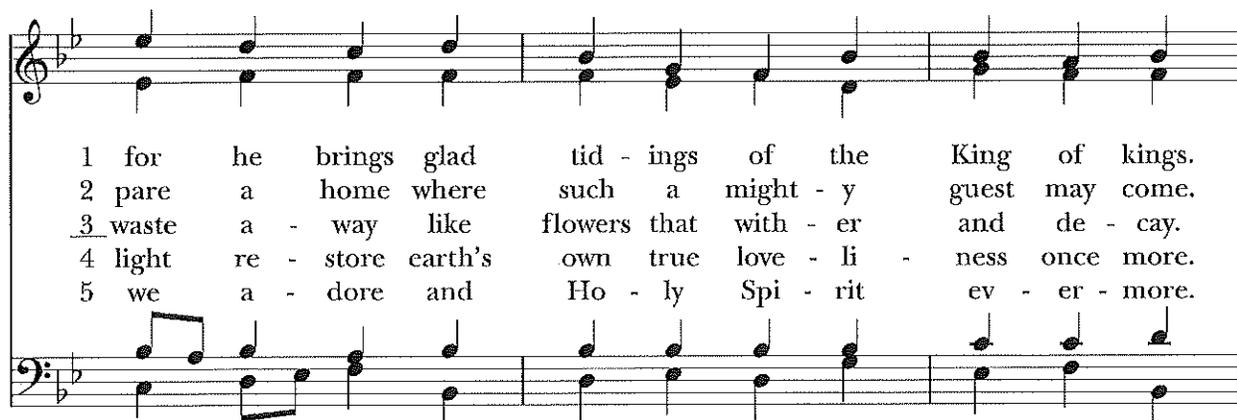
ENTRANCE HYMN *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (Winchester New) (H 76)*



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a

- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant 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: Isaiah 40:1-11

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

“Comfort, O comfort my people,”
says your God.

²“Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD’s hand
double for all her sins.”

³A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Remain seated.

¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD; *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

³I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (CHRIST IS COMING - LEVAS 6)

Christ is coming. Prepare the Way.

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GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more

powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

THE SERMON BY THE REV. SHERRY DEETS

A BRIEF MOMENT OF REFLECTION FOLLOWS THE SERMON

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.

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 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, Bob Austin, Molly Baldwin, Marsha Barley, Marie Hyacinthe Bribal, Anthony Brogan, Walter Bryant, Carol, Carolyn, Lola Clarke, Betsy Comstock, Millie Connor, Didi, Dorothy, Andrea Dudley, Ellie, Charles Emmett, Morris Ferguson, Karen Fisher, Cassie Foreman, Kyla Foreman, Jacob Furlong, Bianca Giannotti, Linda Graber, Samantha Griggs, Sam Haak, Lillian Hadler, Susan Hanft, Scott Hansberry, Esther Harvey, Matt Hess, Janice, Danyell

Jackson, Jay, Jennifer Jenkins, Pete Jennings, Diane Kitson, Jodi Lancaster, Alison Lauren, John and Lindsay, Lisa, Lisa Kivett, Sye Lamar, Melanie Lifer, Olivia Lyons, Paige McClean, Kevin McGloon, Jennifer McNeil, Mia, Mickey, Brian Miller, Tracy Mulligan, Bruce Murray, Adam Nolt, Jessica Nupponen, Meredith Olseski, Betty Peirce, Stan Pernsley, April Phillips, Ben Phillips, Antonia Planamento, Lynn Pullman, Arlene Purnsley, Michael Rayner, Jacob Rockoff, Thomas Rubinaccio, Dick Skoniczin, Shane, Thomas Shanley, Mary Shidlowksi, Erma Sinsabaugh, Barb Smelter, Stephen Smelter, Robin Spicher, Colby Stackhouse, Debra Stackwicz, Stephanie, Linda Still, Sue, Becky Swaggart, Dihona Talton and children, 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, Donna Zahorchak

For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, 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 here that are near to our hearts and those we name silently or out loud (*a period of silence*):

Police: Lt Lori and Jeff Kistle, Marquis Costello

Military: PVT Austin Combs, PO2 Jason Combs, PO3 Andrew Combs, ICPT Corey Combs, Skylar Dantzler, MAJ Alex Deets, Petty Officer William Dowling, 1st LT Frank Furman, Jr., J. Andrew Hinkle, PFC Shane McWilliams, MGSgt Troy Meacham, Sgt Kaleel Pernsley, Specialist Jason Sage, CPT Jeremy Smith, LCMDR Michael Sracic MC, and MSgt Rewa Price

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

For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays this week: Ann Lutz and William McWilliams. For this let us pray to the Lord. **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.**

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. 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.

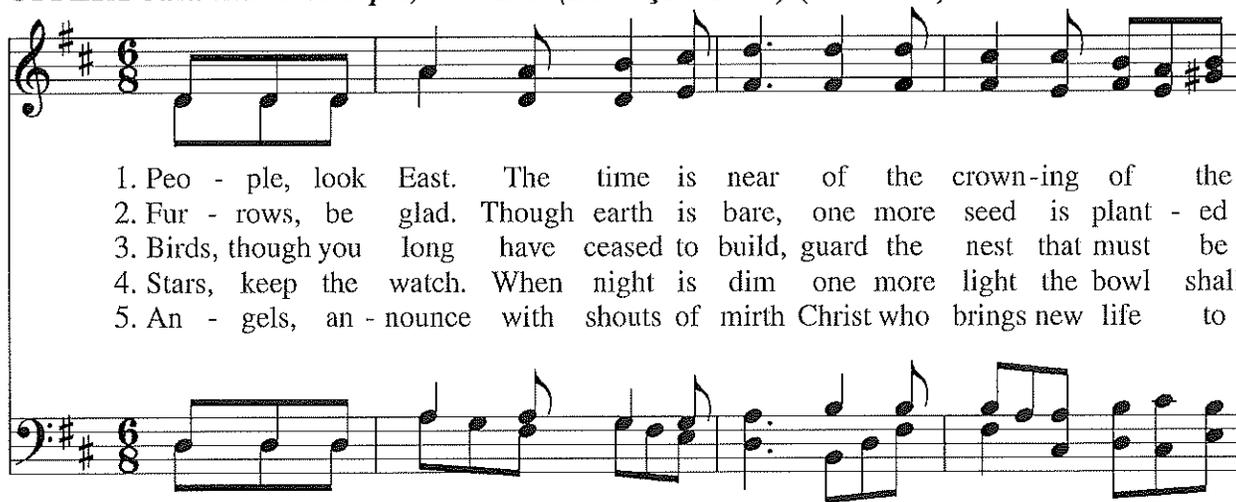
The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

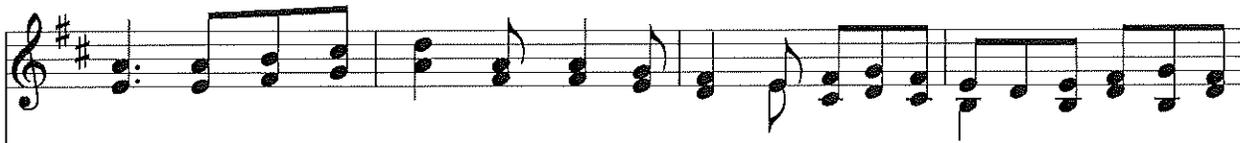
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN *People, look East (Besançon Carol) (WLP 724)*



The musical notation consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm.

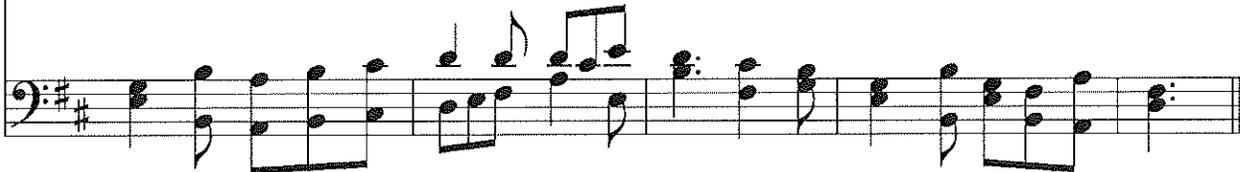
1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, 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):

*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 *Comfort, comfort ye my people (Psalm 42) (H 67)*



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

ATHEM BY CHOIR

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

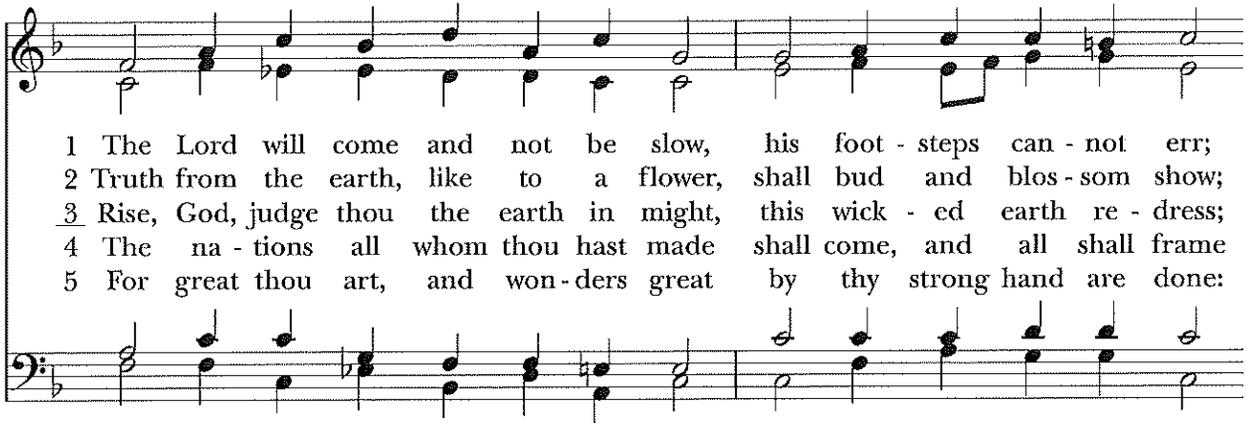
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

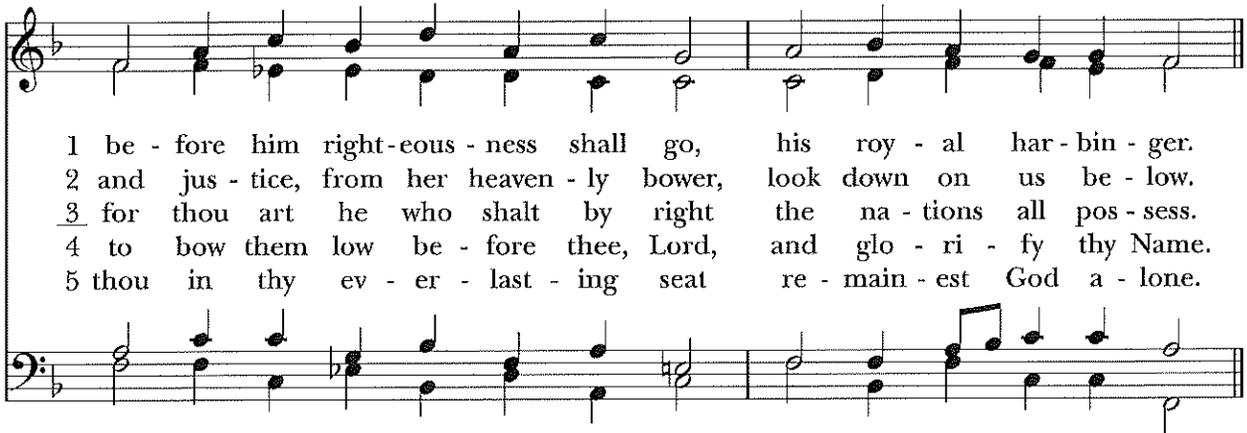
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and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

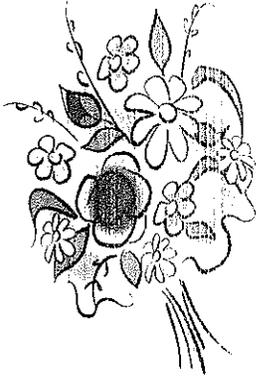
People

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

Announcements:

Thursday, December 14th at Noon, Healing Service via Zoom commemorating Juan de la Cruz (John of the Cross), Mystic, 1591

The Sounds of Christmas Recital by Rachel Anemone on **Friday, December 15th 6:30 p.m.** – 7:30 p.m. Reception to Follow. Free will offering to benefit Trinity

Weekday Bible Study sign-up sheet. If you are interested in participating in an 11:30 am - 1:00 pm weekday Bible Study, please sign up on the clipboard in the back of the church. Check the days that you could be available. We hope to be able to start in the New Year. Thank you.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec 24 at 8 p.m., NO Sunday morning service.

Lessons and Carols with Communion, Sunday, December 31st 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.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE TRINITY

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