

**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.*



*"Abide in me as I abide in you."*

**April 28, 2024**

**9:30 AM**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *God is Love, let heaven adore him (Abbot's Leigh) (H 379)*

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - jice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### SONG OF PRAISE (LEVAS 219 THIS IS THE DAY)

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the  
 Lord hath made, we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be

glad in it, and be glad in it; This is the day that the

Lord hath made, we will re-joice and be glad in it;

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was

reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence may follow.*

#### **PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>24</sup>My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

<sup>25</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*

**“May your heart live for ever!”**

<sup>26</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

<sup>27</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
**he rules over the nations.**

<sup>28</sup>To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
**all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

<sup>29</sup>My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
**they shall be known as the LORD’s for ever.**

<sup>30</sup>They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
**the saving deeds that he has done.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN *Celtic Alleluia (O'Carroll/Walker) (MHSO 20)*

*All stand.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

*All stand.*

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*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.*

*Let us join through prayer with everything that lives. Let us acknowledge to God the one life we share, saying: O God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.*

O God, your Holy Spirit is alive in all the earth. Your Spirit that moved and shaped land and sea, trees and beasts still moves and shapes us into creation. Through Christ we know your one Holy Spirit, for you are God of all. That all the world may know your Spirit, we pray: O God, who makes us one, **hear our prayer.**

Open your world before our eyes, so that we see far and near. Show us newly what lives around us, over and behind and within. Give us the mind of Christ. O God, who makes us one, **hear our prayer.**

Bring us to one another, that we may hear and understand each other. Bring trust and sympathy between the peoples of the world. Make all nations one household with many rooms. O God, who makes us one, **hear our prayer.**

Heal us who are sick, especially those listed who are near to our hearts, and those we name silently or out loud (*a period of silence*):

*Zella Anderson, Violet Armstead, 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, Charles Hawk, Matt Hess, Janice, Danyell Jackson, Jay, Jennifer Jenkins, Pete Jennings, Diane Kitson, Kelly Kurtz, 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 Nuppenon, Terry Oxenreider, Stan Pernsley, April Phillips, Ben Phillips, Antonia Planamento, Lynn Pullman, Arlene Purnsley, Michael Rayner, Jacob Rockoff, Thomas Rubinaccio, Shane, Thomas Shanley, Mary Shidlowski, Erma Sinsabaugh, Barb Smelter, Stephen Smelter, Robin Spicher, Colby Stackhouse, Debra Stackwicz, Stephanie, Linda Still, Sue, Becky Swaggart, Dihona Talton and children, 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*

Cheer us who are guilty. Love us who are alone. Join us who are distant. Call all the world to yourself. O God, who makes us one, **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: Lt Lori and Jeff Kistle, Marquis Costello*

*Military: PO1 Andrew Combs, MAJ Corey Combs, Skylar Dantzler, MAJ Alex Deets, PO 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, LCDR Michael Sracic MC, and MSgt Rewa Price*

O God, who makes us one, *hear our prayer.*

For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays this week: Joshua Grubb and Carl Croft. O God, who makes us one, *hear our prayer.*

Enliven the church with the Spirit of Christ. Through us give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world. O God, who makes us one, *hear our prayer.*

For those having died in faith, especially the loved ones of Al & Ebbie Carey, for whom the altar flowers are given and for all the dying, that they may know the love of God who has raised Christ up, having loosed the pangs of death. O God, who makes us one, *hear us in your mercy.*

### **Collect**

*O God, keep our minds inside your love, for we are many parts and need to be one. We beg for this unity which only your Spirit can give, through 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*

*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** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (LEVAS 138)*



1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, In my heart;—  
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, In my heart;—  
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, In my heart;—  
 4. I don't want to be like Ju - das In my heart, In my heart;—  
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, In my heart;—

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. I don't want to be like Ju - das In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_

In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_ In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_ In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. I don't want to be like Ju - das In my heart. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart. \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 #130 S 130 Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx)**

*Presider and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a long note in the treble staff for the word 'might,' followed by a rest. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The third system concludes the phrase. It features a long note in the treble staff for the word 'might,' followed by a rest. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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, 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**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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**

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

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

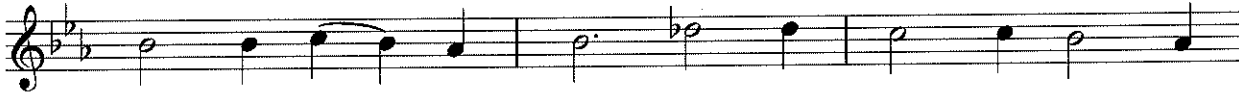
The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (The Call)* (H 487)



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; such a strength as makes his guest.  
part; such a heart as joys in love.

**ANTHEM 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**

**CLOSING HYMN** *O love, how deep, how broad, how high (Deus tuorum militum)* (H 448)



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

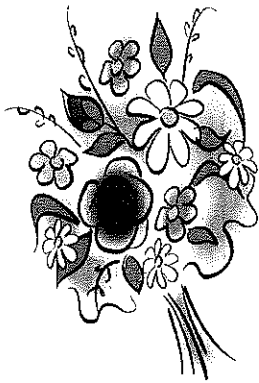
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**TODAY**

The flowers are placed on the altar to the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of

*The Loved Ones of Al & Ebbie Carey*

by  
Al & Ebbie Carey



**Announcements:**

**Brown Bag Bible Study, Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Homework:  
Read: skim through the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> Healing Service at Noon via Zoom.** Commemorating Athanasius,  
Bishop of Alexandria, 373

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Coffee Hour Presentation on Mental Health**

Join Executive Director Sara Wein for an introduction to NAMI Chester County PA, a local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). NAMI was started in the late 1970s by family members who gathered together around a kitchen to find understanding as well as identify resources and supports for their adult children living with serious mental illness. Today we are the largest grassroots mental health organization in the US dedicated to improving the lives of those impacted by mental illness through peer support, education and advocacy. We are a volunteer-driven organization, and all of our programming is led by those with lived experience; our family support groups and education classes are led by family members and loved ones of those living with a mental health condition, and our peer support groups and education classes are led by individuals living with a mental health condition in recovery.

NAMI Chester County PA relaunched in January 2023 and is located in Exton, PA. Come learn about our free programs and support groups for individuals who experience mental symptoms, their families and loved ones and our Chester County community! For more information, please visit [www.namichescopa.org](http://www.namichescopa.org)

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost) – Guest Preacher Kevin Ressler.** We are delighted to welcome Kevin Ressler, current CEO of the Alliance for Health Equity to Trinity to share God's word with us. Kevin is also minister in the Mennonite tradition and brings a wealth of wisdom and experience to the Coatesville community.

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