

**CHURCH OF THE TRINITY  
Coatesville  
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rooted in the faith and love of Christ,  
unified in diversity,  
seeking to grow and nourish  
the Trinity family and our Coatesville community.*



**April 27, 2025**

**9:30 AM**

The Second Sunday of Easter

## PRELUDE

### Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *We walk by faith, and not by sight* (St. Botolph) (H 209)

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound, to, call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

SONG OF PRAISE S 278 *Glory to God* (Canticle 20) (Mathias) (S 278)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

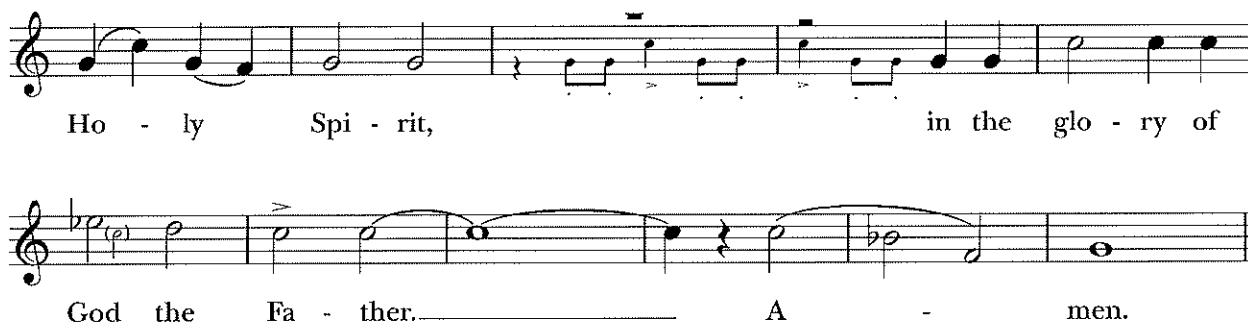
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>27</sup>When [the captain and the temple police] had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

*Silence may follow.*

### PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29

*Remain seated.*

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
**and he has become my salvation.**

<sup>15</sup>There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
**in the tents of the righteous**

<sup>16</sup>“The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
**the right hand of the LORD is exalted!**  
**the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”**

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live, \*  
**and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
**but he did not hand me over to death.**

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
**I will enter them;**  
**I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
**he who is righteous may enter.”**

<sup>21</sup>I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
**and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD’s doing, \*  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup>Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! \*  
**LORD, send us now success.**

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; \*  
**we bless you from the house of the LORD.**

<sup>27</sup>God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
**form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup>“You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
**you are my God, and I will exalt you.”**

<sup>29</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
**his mercy endures for ever.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Celtic Alleluia (O'Carroll/Walker) (MHSO 20)**  
*All stand.*



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## GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

*All stand.*

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

## THE SERMON BY KEVIN RESSLER :

***WITH(OUT) DOUBT: YOU ARE EMANCIPATED AND ENFRANCHISED***

## 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.*

*Joyful in the light of your love and your invitation to abundant life in Christ, we offer to you the prayers of our deepest longings and hopes, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Lord, give us hands that reach out to the poor, the imprisoned, the hungry, the homeless, the sinful and the undesirable in the spirit of your love. Help our indifference. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, give us voices to proclaim the good news of your justice to all the persecuted and persecutors of the world. Help our lethargy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, give us leaders that work toward justice and life for all people and nations. Help our apathy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, give us churches that welcome all your beloved and strive to walk your way of love. Help our desire to change. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, give us bodies, minds, and spirits that are hopeful and healthy. Help our sickness and our sin. Especially we pray for 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, Bill Besecker, Marie Hyacinthe Bribal, Anthony Brogan, Walter Bryant, Carol, Carolyn, Lola Clarke, Betsy Comstock, Millie Connor, John Coveleski, Sherry Deets, Didi, Dorothy, Andrea Dudley, Ellie, Charles Emmett, Morris Ferguson, Karen Fisher, Cassie Foreman, Kyla Foreman, Jacob Furlong, Bianca Giannotti, Linda Graber, Samantha Griggs, Susan Hanft, Scott Hansberry, Esther Harvey, Pat Hendricks, Matt Hess, Janice, Danyell Jackson, Jay, Jennifer Jenkins, Maria Jones, Diane Kitson, Nina Larkin, John and Lindsay, Lisa, David Kirkner, Lisa Kivett, Sye Lamar, Melanie Lifer, Olivia Lyons, Joseph Manni, Paige McClean, Kevin McGloon, Mercedes, Mia, Mickey, Brian Miller, Tracy Mulligan, Bruce Murray, Adam Nolt, Jessica Nupponen, Terry Oxenreider, Stan Pernsley, April Phillips, Ben Phillips, Lynn Pullman, Arlene Purnsley, Michael Rayner, Jacob Rockoff, Cathy Shaffer, Shane, Thomas Shanley, Erma Sinsabaugh, Barb Smelter, John Smelter, Stephen Smelter, Colby Stackhouse, Stephanie, Sue, Becky Swaggart, Dihona Talton and children, Catherine Thompson, Tom, Vicki Romberger, Norman Walters, Cyndi Walters, Isaac Warnick, Sally Warren, Paul Wayne, Mary Nell Weiss, Chanel Wiest, Brendan Willauer, Ruby Williams*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray 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, LCMDR Michael Sracic MC, and MSgt Rewa Price*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for those in our parish family celebrating birthdays this week: Joshua Grubb and Carl Croft. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those having died in faith, especially John & Violet Devine, for whom the altar flowers are given and for Barbara Thompson, for whom the side 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. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### **Collect**

*Heavenly Father you desire nothing but life in abundance for us. Give us the courage to claim that life, and the conviction to proclaim your goodness in all we do. We ask this through your Son, our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. 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 *He Is King of Kings* (LEVAS 96)

He is King of kings, He is Lord of Lords;

Je - sus Christ, the first and last... no man works like Him. He is

no man works like Him. 1. He built his throne up in the air—  
2. I was but young when I be - gun—

no man works like Him; 1. And called the saints from  
2. But now my race is

1. ev - 'er where\_\_\_ no man works like Him. He is  
2. al - most won\_\_\_ D.S.

## 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

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

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

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*

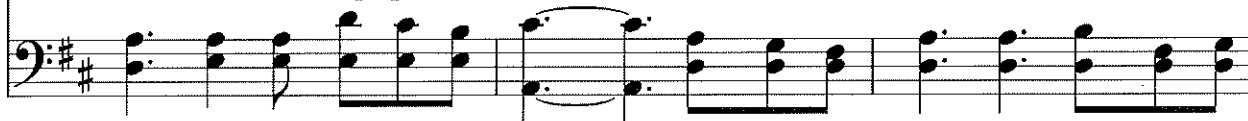
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### COMMUNION HYMN *Blessed Assurance* (LEVAS 184)

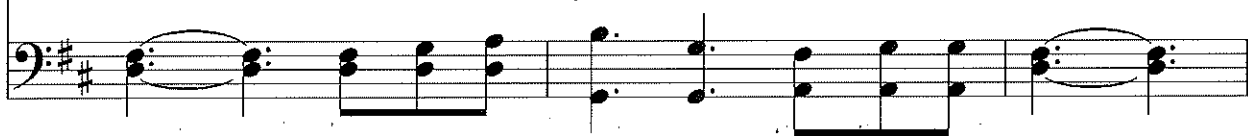
1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, Vi - sions of  
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my



1. fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -  
3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



1. God, — Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. —  
2. bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. —  
3. bove, — Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. —



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my



sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

## 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** *Crown him with many crowns (Diademata) (H 494)*

*Descant*

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now  
5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown



Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

## DISMISSAL

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

*People*

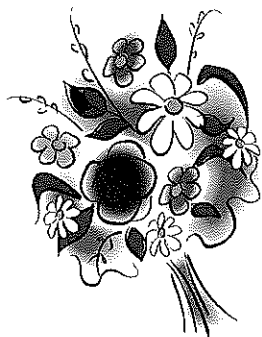
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## POSTLUDE

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**TODAY**

*Welcome guest preacher, Kevin Ressler!*



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

**John & Violet Devine**

by

Violet Armstead

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

**Barbara Thompson**

by

Michael Thompson

**Announcements:**

**Brown Bag Bible Study on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** begins at 11:30 a.m. through 1 p.m. in the social hall. You may bring your lunch.

**NO Healing Service on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Pastor Sherry will be out of the office on Wednesday and Thursday this week for surgery.

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon – 2 p.m. “Hope in a Divided World: Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer”** will be presented by Dan Hinkle at Messiah Lutheran Church, 46 W. Lancaster Ave, Downingtown, PA 19335. The event is free and open to the public. A free will offering will benefit Thistle Hills ([www.thistlehills.org](http://www.thistlehills.org))

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