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.



"Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another."

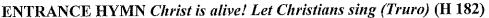
May 18, 2025

9:30 AM

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Entrance Rite





OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.



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 11:1-18

The people sit.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" 4Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6As I looked at it closely I saw fourfooted animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" 18When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 148

Remain seated.

'Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

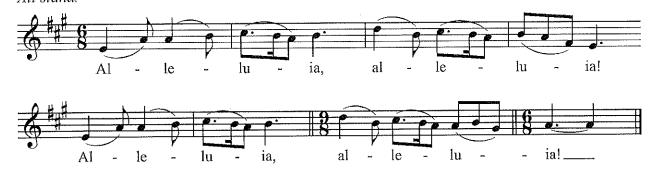
²Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

³Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

- ⁵Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.
- ⁶He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
 he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- *Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
 tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;
- Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingèd birds;
- "Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹²Young men and maidens, * old and young together.
- ¹³Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
 Hallelujah!

SEQUENCE HYMN Celtic Alleluia (O'Carroll/Walker) (MHSO 20) All stand.



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GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

All stand.

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³¹[At the last supper, when Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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.

Glorious, creating, and sustaining God; who made and cares for the world with love and mercy; hear and answer the prayers of your people as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Encourage and embolden us, your people, that we might fully live into our potential and take up Christ's healing mission with courage and persistence. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Open the hearts of those who hold authority in the world that they might focus their gaze and attention on policies that promote peace, wellness, and the relief of suffering. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Help us to see the needs of those we encounter in our daily lives and grant us a desire for generosity that we might respond with love and mercy. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Grant us wisdom and determination to respond effectively to climate change; help us reclaim our intended role as stewards, and not destroyers, of your wonderfully created world. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Bring your healing presence to all who suffer in any way. Give them strength to cope and bring skilled and healing caregivers into their lives. 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, 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, Vivian 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.

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: POI 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.

For those having died in faith, especially Peg Carter, 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. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Collect

Lord, creation sings your praise in its very being. Help us to hear the song and to add our own voices. Be present to us and guide us on the Way of your Son, our Lord, Jesus, through whom we pray and give thanks. 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

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 In Christ There Is No East or West (LEVAS 62)





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.

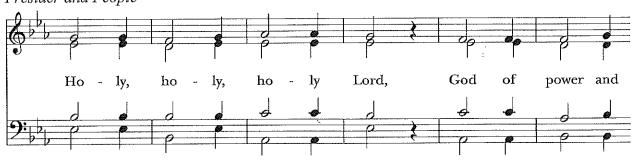
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

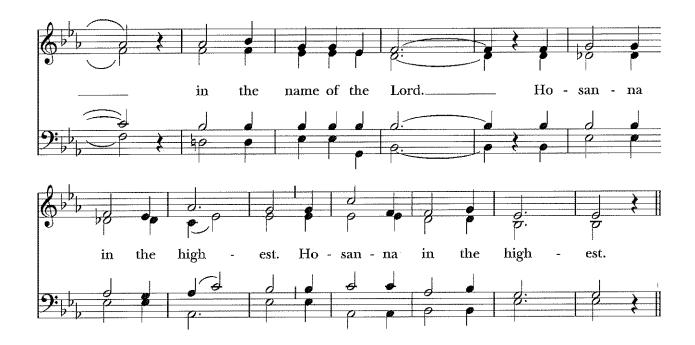
All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures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







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

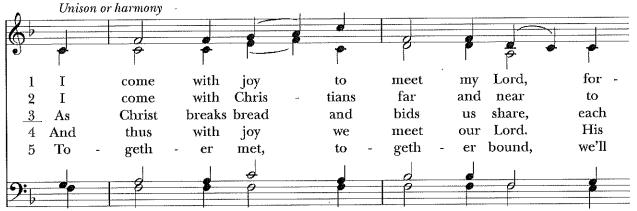
Celebrant Alleluia! Be known to us Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

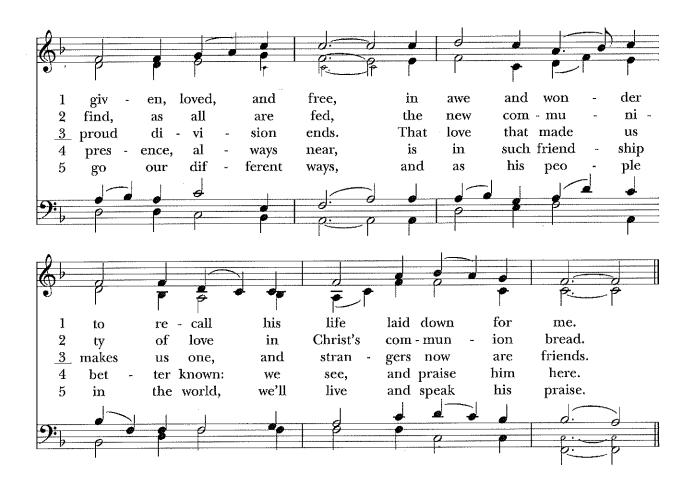
People Be known to us Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia!

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN I come with joy to meet my Lord (Land of Rest) (H 304)





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 When Christ was lifted from the earth (St. Botolph) (H 603)



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 Gail Rodgers, Guest Pianist! Vestry Meeting, after coffee hour, 11 a.m.



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

Peg Carter

by Joe & Pat Kirkner

Announcements:

Healing Service on Thursday, May 22nd at Noon via Zoom. Commemorating John Eliot, Missionary among the Algonquin, 1690

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