

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.*



“...they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means, “God is with us....”

Dec. 21, 2025

9:30 AM

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE and LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ENTRANCE HYMN *Come, thou long-expected Jesus (Stuttgart) (H 66)*

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring,
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff.

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.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The following is said, all standing

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: FROM "GOD'S WORD MY VOICE": Isaiah 7:10-16

The people sit.

PSALM: FROM "GOD'S WORD MY VOICE": Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

You are like the Shepherd of Israel, and we are like your sheep.
Glow brightly, because the angels are surrounding you on your throne.
As you stand before your people, stir up your strength and come to help us.

**Make us whole again, O God of all the angels in heaven.
Just show us your shining face and we will be saved.**

God, we cry out our prayers to you day and night. How long will you be angry with us?
You give us bread made of tears, and bowls filled with tears to drink.
All our neighbors make fun of us.

**Make us whole again, O God of all the angels in heaven.
Just show us your shining face and we will be saved.**

Rest your hand on the shoulder of your helper, the one you picked to lead us back to you.
And we will never turn away from you again.
Give us life, so that we can come before you and speak your name.

**Make us whole again, O God of all the angels in heaven.
Just show us your shining face and we will be saved.**

SECOND READING: FROM GOD'S WORD MY VOICE": Romans 1:1-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (CHRIST IS COMING - LEVAS 6)

All stand.

Christ is coming. Prepare the Way.

Christ is coming. Prepare the Way.

Christ is coming. Christ is coming.

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

All stand.

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

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.”²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

THE SERMON BY THE REV. KRISTEN OSTENDORF

THE CREED

All stand.

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 peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For our Presiding Bishop, Sean, and our Bishop, Daniel, for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those on our parish prayer list below and those we now name silently or aloud.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Violet Armstead, Angie Ashe, Bob Austin, Molly Baldwin, Marsha Barley, Bill Besecker, Marie Hyacinthe Bribal, Anthony Brogan, Walter Bryant, Joyce Burgess-Lee, Millie Connor, Andrea Dudle, Ellie, Charles Emmett, Diane Evans, Morris Ferguson, Karen Fisher, Cassie Foreman, Kyla Foreman, Jacob Furlong, Ken Furlong, Bianca Giannotti, Linda Graber, Samantha Griggs, Sam Haak, Susan Hanft, Scott Hansberry, Esther Harvey, Pat Hendricks, Matt Hess, Danyell Jackson, Jennifer Jenkins, Diane Kitson, John and Lindsay, Lisa Kivett, Sye Lamar, Melanie Lifer, Olivia Lyons, Joseph Manni, Paige McLean, Kevin McGloon, Brian Miller, Tracy Mulligan, Bruce Murray, Adam Nolt, Jessica Nupponen, Gail Ostendorf, Barbara Oxenreider, Stan Pernsley, April Phillips, Ben Phillips, Lynn Pullman, Arlene Purnsley, Michael Rayner, Jacob Rockoff, Cathy Shaffer, Thomas Shanley, Erma Sinsabaugh, Barb Smelter, John Smelter, Stephen Smelter, Colby Stackhouse, Stephanie, Becky Swaggart, Sean, Dihona Talton and children, Catherine Thompson, Vicki Romberger, Norman Walters, Cyndi Walters, Isaac Warnick, Sally Warren, Paul Wayne, Mary Nell Weiss, Chanel Wiest, Brendan Willauer, Ruby Williams

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We give thanks for those members of our Trinity family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, including Wayne Hanley (last week), and Miranda B. Croft, Pamela Smyth, and William Terry.

We remember especially all those who protect and serve and 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 other blessings 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, LCDR Michael Sracic MD, and MSgt Rewa.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially Jane Scott, Charles Hewes Moore, Annie Scarlett, and S. Horace Scott for whom the altar flowers are given, and Anne (Eastburn) Lutz for whom the side altar flowers are given. We also remember members of the Bentley families and Mary Fleck, for whom flowers were given last week.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The 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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

OFFERTORY HYMN *Soon, Very Soon* (LEVAS 14)

Please use your LEVAS II hymnals, found in your pews.

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

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 him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 125 *Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)*

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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



Blessed 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 Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Cyril and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER LEVAS #264

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

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.

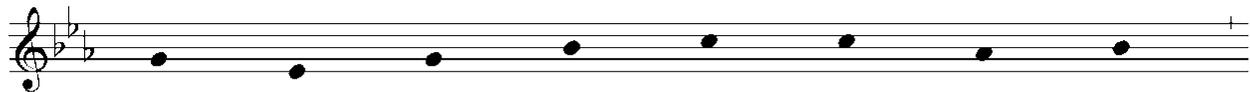
The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN *Creator of the stars of night (Conditor alme siderum) (H 60)*



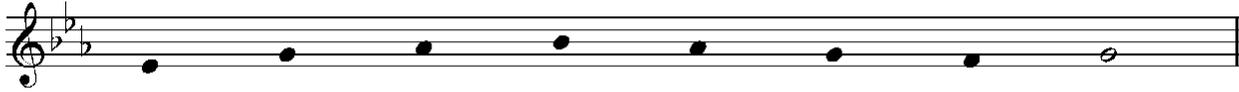
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple’s ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

**POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM
THE STORY OF ST. NICHOLAS – TOLD BY THE KIDS!
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and ever living God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni, veni, Emmanuel)* (H 56) (vs 1, 6, and 8)



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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



Jane Scott, Charles Hewes Moore, Annie Scarlett, and S.
Horace Scott
By Mrs. John Batley

The side altar flowers are given
in remembrance of Anne (Eastburn) Lutz's birthday
with love from her family

We also remember those for whom flowers were given
last week:

the Bentley and Stackwicz Family Members
By Caroline Bentley

And on the side altar
In Loving Memory of Mary Fleck
On the Anniversary of Her Passing
By Donna Fleck

Want to grow the church? Research shows that 80 percent of people who come to a new church check it out because they were personally invited by someone they know! Take one of our flyers about our services and give it to a friend or neighbor. Christmas is a great time to invite someone!

It's not too late to turn in your pledge card! Thank you for your support! Never pledged before? See Kristen or a vestry member if you have questions about how it works! Every dollar counts, and we need you!

Thanks to all who helped clean the church yesterday! Join us for the Greening of the Church after today's vestry meeting.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: Today! The holidays can be hard. Whether it's because of past or recent losses, life transitions or strained relationships, not every day in December is one for celebration. Come sit with those who understand at our Longest Night Service today at 4 p.m.

This Monday is the last Brown Bag Bible Study for Advent, using a special art-based discussion. We meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.. **Healing Service** on Thursdays at noon on Zoom is on hiatus January.

Trinity needs this week: Can you sorting and wash clothes in the basement? Update our non-electronic signs? Donate something to the tidy over pantry? Do some data entry? We need a lot of help to keep the building going! Contact Kristen if you can spare some time.

Upcoming Trinity Dates: Mark your calendars!

TODAY: Special children's liturgy, with celebration of St. Nicholas!

TODAY: Vestry meeting

TODAY: Greening of the church, to follow vestry meeting

TODAY: Longest Night Service – a service of grief and remembrance for the community, 4 p.m.

Christmas Eve services
5 p.m. - Family oriented service with children's sermon
8 p.m. – Candlelight service

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