

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.*



“Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins”
Feb. 22, 2026 9:30 a.m.
First Sunday in Lent

Prelude

The Word of God

Penitential Order

ENTRANCE HYMN *Forty days and forty nights (Aus der Tiefe rufe ich)* (H 150)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 351)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

DECALOGUE (BCP p. 350)

The Decalogue is said, the People kneeling.

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 351)

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 following is said, all standing

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 32

Remain seated.

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

⁶I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁸You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁹“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

¹⁰Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.”**

¹¹Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

¹²Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Your kingdom come, O Lord* (MHSO 27)

All stand.

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Your kingdom come, O Lord" (MHSO 27). It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics "Your king-dom come, O Lord. Your king-dom come, O Lord. Your" are written below the treble staff. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.



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GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

All stand.

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

¹[After Jesus was baptized, he] was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
 but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
 and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
 so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
 and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

THE SERMON BY THE REV. KRISTEN OSTENDORF (BCP p. 358)

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

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 (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing.

Please respond to each prayer with “Lord have mercy.”

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

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 (BCP p. 376)

OFFERTORY HYMN *O love, how deep, how broad, how high (Deo gracias)* (H 449)

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361)

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.**

SANCTUS (H S125)

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken) (BCP p. 363)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray...

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

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 *It Is Well with My Soul* (LEVAS 188)

ANTHEM BY CHOIR

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Lord, who throughout these forty days (St. Flavian)* (H 142)

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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SAVE THE DATE! Our annual meeting has been set for **March 8, following the regular Sunday service at 9:30 a.m.** In accordance with our bylaws, we are seeking nominations to serve on vestry. A vestry member must be at least 18, must have been worshipping at Trinity for at least six months, and have contributed at least \$5 to the church in 2025. A member of the vestry also must have declared themselves to be a member of the church. (See Kristen if you want to talk about this!) In addition, they must ask five other members to submit in writing their support for the nomination (email is just fine!) to our secretary of the vestry (Betty Sullivan). Start praying: are you called to serve on our vestry? Procedures for nomination will be rolled out in the coming weeks.

GOT PRAYER? Our new spirituality committee is starting a prayer chain. Do you have a daily practice of prayer? Can you respect confidentiality? Do you need prayers? See Kristen as we organize this important ministry of holding one another in prayer.

Step Sit and Tide Over Pantry: Did you know we need about 200 items a week for our tide over pantry? Can you help re-stock or sit in the sanctuary to meet the neighbors? It's easy, and a great way to serve our community. Or, join Kristen for a step sit to meet our neighbors!

Ongoing needs: Items for Tide Over Pantry (shelf stable "complete" meals, shelf stable milk, bread, PB&J, cereal, canned meats and fish, hygiene items); clothes washing from our basement stock; bedding for the CYWA for their Code Blue shelter program.

Got some time but not a lot? Sign up to be a "task rabbit" at coffee hour: These are small tasks that need doing around the church with a discreet time commitment.

Are you curious about St. Francis? What is myth and legend and what we know? How are Franciscan values a way to live in the modern world? Join us this Lent on Wednesday evenings, starting on Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. for a potluck supper and discussion. We will wrap up by 7:30. Classes will be led by Kristen, and her spouse, the Ven. Archdeacon Phillip Geliebter, who is a Third Order Franciscan.

Upcoming Trinity Dates: Mark your calendars!

SUNDAY – BCP Basics – join us after coffee hour for a tutorial on how to use your Book of Common Prayer; those who have volunteered to lead Morning Prayer should be at this. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Feb. 29 – Second training for those who wish to lead Morning Prayer, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Feb. 25-March 25 – Wednesday Franciscan Spirituality Group and Lent Souper Suppers start – ALL WELCOME

March 8 – Instructed Eucharist – learn more about what we do and why we do it!

March 8 – Parish meeting and vestry election following Sunday service

Please pray for those on our parish prayer list.

Violet Armstead, Angie Ashe, Bob Austin, Molly Baldwin, Marsha Barley, Bill Besecker, Marie Hyacinthe Bribal, Anthony Brogan, Walter Bryant, Millie Connor, Andrea Dudle, Ellie, Charles Emmett, Diane Evans, Morris Ferguson, Karen Fisher, Cassie Foreman, Kyla Foreman, Jacob Furlong, Ken Furlong, Phillip Geliebter, Bianca Giannotti, Linda Graber, Samantha Griggs, Sam Haak, Susan Hanft, Scott Hansberry, Esther Harvey, Jill Hayes, 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

And please pray for our first responders and those who serve through the military

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