

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.*



March 15, 2026 9:30 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

The Word of God

Penitential Order

ENTRANCE HYMN *Christ, whose glory fills the skies (Ratisbon) (H 7)*

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 Deacon or 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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The people sit.

A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

¹The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ²Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 23

Remain seated.

¹The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

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

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Your kingdom come, O Lord.

Your kingdom come, O Lord.

Your kingdom come, O Lord.

Your kingdom come, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

All stand.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of

the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON BY THE REV. KRISTEN OSTENDORF – ASK IT BASKET LENT EDITION!

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.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Daniel our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. We pray especially for the people of Iran, Venezuela, Haiti, the Sudan, Ukraine, and the Holy Land. We pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who live and work in this community we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those we give thanks for, including those on our parish first responder and military list, and for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. We remember especially Michele Butler, who celebrates this week, and Karen Kinsch who celebrated last week. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. We remember especially those on our parish prayer list. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. We remember especially John Bradley Brewer, for whom the altar flowers are given. We pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Silence

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 *I want to walk as a child of the light (Houston) (H 490)*

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.**

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361)

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

...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) (BCP p. 362)*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 362)

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS (BCP p. 363)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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)

COMMUNION HYMN *The King of love my shepherd is (St. Columba) (H 645)*

POST COMMUNION ANTHEM

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise (Lyons) (H 533)*

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

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 John Bradley Brewer by Pam Smyth

Vestry reorganization meeting today! Begins promptly at 11 a.m.

Join us at 4 p.m. as we support our amazing organist and choirmaster, Rachel Anemone, for a benefit concert for Trinity. She will treat us to a dress rehearsal performance to prepare for her doctorate recital. We are so lucky to have a world-class musician among us. Consider making it a Coatesville night and check out Andrea's, recently opened by our very own

Dennis Dantzer. We could use some help with the door and offering light refreshments after – see Pat K.

ASK IT BASKET, LENT EDITION: See what Kristen's seminary education is actually worth. Send her your questions and wondering for Sunday's sermon.

WELCOMING THE STRANGER: Join us as we host part of a series on a faithful response to immigration. Trinity is part of a group of churches hosting this evening of dinner, singing, Bible study, and hearing the stories of those impacted by human migration. See PDF for details. We host March 30, 5:30 p.m. Want to help? Contact Kristen.

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. We will start during Holy Week.

Got time? We are looking to set up a rotation of regular volunteer receptionists. This crew of volunteers would answer the phone and let in parishioners seeking private prayer time in the sanctuary. They also may be asked to do some light administrative tasks (or just enjoy the quiet of the office). Please see Kristen if you can make a regular commitment. ***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 limited time commitment.

Regular CYWA food bank commitment: See Kent N. if you would like to be part of our small but regular volunteer crew every other work at the CYWA, Thursdays from 11:30-2:30 p.m. Next engagement: March 26.

Step/Sanctuary 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. **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.

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, continuing this week on March 18 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!

TODAY: Vestry meeting, begins at 11, please plan to stay until 1, Benefit concert, 4 p.m., sanctuary

Monday: Bible Study meets on Zoom through April

Wednesday: Lent Suppers continue, 6-7:30 p.m.

Thursday: Healing service on zoom, noon (link emailed Wednesday evenings)

March 22: Guest preacher, the Ven. Dennis Coleman (deacon), emeritus

March 29: Palm Sunday, regular worship time

March 30: Welcoming the Stranger series, Trinity is host church, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2: Agape meal, foot washing and Eucharist – 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3: 11:30 Stations of the Cross, noon service, church open until 3 p.m.

Easter Sunday: 9:30 a.m. worship followed by egg hunt

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, Marshall Evans, Morris Ferguson, Karen Fisher, Cassie Foreman, Kyla Foreman, Jacob Furlong, Ken Furlong, Phillip Geliebter, Bianca Giannotti, Linda Graber, Samantha Griggs, Susan Hanft, Scott Hansberry, Esther Harvey, Jill Hayes, Pat Hendricks, Matt Hess, Danyell Jackson, Jennifer Jenkins, 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, Barbara Oxenreider, Steve Padosh, Stan Pernsley, April Phillips, Ben Phillips, Lynn Pullman, Arlene Purnsley, Michael Rayner, Jacob Rockoff, Thomas Shanley, Barb Smelter, John Smelter, Stephen Smelter, Stephanie, Becky Swaggart, Sean, Dihona Talton and children, Mike Tisbe, Catherine Thompson, Vicki Romberger, Norman Walters, Cyndi Walters, Isaac Warnick, Sally Warren, Paul Wayne, Mary Nell Weiss, Chanel Wiest, Brendan Willauer, Ruby Williams, The Hillview Community

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

Police: Lt Lori and Jeff Kistle, Military: Skylar Dantzler, MAJ Alex Deets, PO William Dowling, 1st LT Frank Furman, Jr., J. Andrew Hinkle, SMSgt Rewa Miller, Sgt Kaleel Pernsley, Specialist Jason Sage, COL Jeremy Smith, CMDR Michael Sracic MD, SPC John Starrett

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**Welcoming
the
Stranger**

**Mondays
5:30-7:30pm**

**A 5-week Lenten series of learning, reflection,
and shared dinners focused on immigration and
the call to welcome.**

March 2

**Kennett Friends
Meetinghouse**

125 W. Sickle Street, Kennett

March 23

**Oxford Presbyterian
Church**

6 Pine Street, Oxford

March 9

**St. Christopher's
Episcopal Church**

116 W. Lancaster Pike, Oxford

March 30

**Episcopal Church
of the Trinity**

323 E Lincoln Hwy, Coatesville

March 16

TBD