

**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.*



**Third Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
March 8, 2026**

The Word of God

Penitential Order

ENTRANCE HYMN *Glorious things of thee are spoken (Abbot's Leigh) (H 523)*

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.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE (BCP p. 356)

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, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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: Exodus 17:1-7

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 95

Remain seated.

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

³For the LORD is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

⁴In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

⁵The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

⁶Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

⁷For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

⁸Harden not your hearts,

as your forebears did in the wilderness, *

**at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.**

⁹They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

¹⁰Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
**“This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.”**

¹¹So I swore in my wrath, *
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

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

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

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

Your king-dom come, O Lord. Your king-dom come, O Lord. Your

king - dom come, O Lord. Your king - dom come, O Lord.

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GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

All stand.

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

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

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.⁴¹And many more believed because of his word.⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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.

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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 Mildred Coveleski, Esther Harvey, and Abigail Ostendorf Guidi, who celebrate this week, and Chris Haak 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 Evelyn E. Shanley, 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.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY HYMN *Come, thou fount of every blessing* (H 686)

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)

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

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 the evil. 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)

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 *There is a Balm in Gilead* (LEVAS 203)

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.**

POST-COMMUNION CHOIR ANTHEM

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* (*Cwm Rhondda*) (H 690)

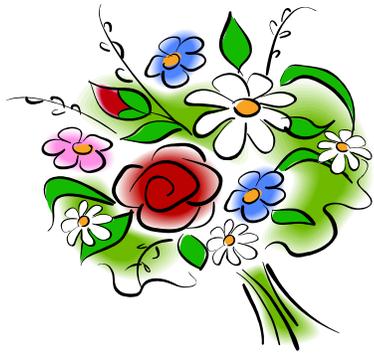
DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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The flowers are placed on the altar to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory
of Evelyn E. Shanley
by
Victor J. Shanley III

Our annual meeting is today after the service!

Join us March 15 (NEXT SUNDAY!), 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 the March 15 sermon.

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 discreet 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.

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 11 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: Parish meeting and vestry election following Sunday service

Monday: NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK

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

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

March 15: Vestry meeting after services, please plan to stay until 1

March 15: Benefit concert, 4 p.m. in sanctuary

March 22: Guest preacher, the Ven. Dennis Coleman (deacon), emeritus; BCP basics following service (MP leaders should plan to come!)

March 29: Palm Sunday, regular worship time

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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