

**Church of the Trinity
Coatesville
Of the 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.



**22nd Sunday After Pentecost
Morning Prayer
Sunday, October 25, 2026**

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN *God is Love, let heaven adore him (Abbot's Leigh) (H 379)*

Please stand as the crucifer, choir and officiants process.

God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heaven above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and Love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God holds us,
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking

under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

OPENING SENTENCE

Led by James Gaddy Jr.

The people continue to stand

The Officiant says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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 Officiant remains kneeling and says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

The people continue to stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

INVITATORY

People and officiant say in unison, while standing

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

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

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

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

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For 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!

The people continue to stand for the recitation of the psalm, led by the regularly scheduled reader

PSALM: Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel
of the wicked, *

**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *

and they meditate on his law day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do
not wither; *

everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; *

**they are like chaff which the wind blows
away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment comes, *

**nor the sinner in the council of the
righteous.**

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: *

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will
be forever. Amen.**

The people sit for the first lesson, which is read by the regularly scheduled reader.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Leviticus.

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand to sing the first canticle.

FIRST CANTICLE

S 278 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Mathias) (BCP p. 356)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

The people sit for the second reading.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we

seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

The people sit for the second canticle and collection, which is brought up and placed on the altar. The people remain seated for the following reading and sermon.

SECOND CANTICLE: ANTHEM BY THE CHOIR
OFFERTORY WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-46

A Reading from Matthew.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

THE SERMON, read by Kent Nation

Today’s sermon is brought to us by Sermons that Work, and is written by the Rev. Kathleen Walker. Canon Walker joined the staff of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina in February 2020 to focus on the continuity and vitality of its dozen Black congregations. The history of the African American tradition in North Carolina is rich and profound. It is important to weave their diversity into a closer bond of inclusion with other parishes and the diocese. The goal is to ensure all predominantly Black congregations have the best opportunity to make the fullest use of the resources of their parishes, partnerships, and the diocese. Currently, there are 11 active African American congregations in the diocese and one historical church that is in process of redevelopment. Canon Walker is passionate about sustaining and supporting Black communities in the context of the Episcopal church. Canon Walker graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2018. She is currently president of the Alumni Association Executive Committee. She has dedicated many years to the cause of social and racial justice. Rev. Walker is committed to fulfilling the diocese’s priority of becoming beloved community as we work through racial reckoning, justice and healing. She is also president of the Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Led by James Gaddy Jr., with all standing.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The people stand, as James Gaddy Jr. continues with the following prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.

SUFFRAGES

Led by Kent Nation

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

Led by James Gaddy, Jr.

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

Led by Kent Nation

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Led by James Gaddy, Jr.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN *In the Garden* (LEVAS 69)

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go through the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing, while the regularly scheduled reader offers these prayers on behalf of the people

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for Deborah and Bruce Murray, who celebrated their anniversary last week, and for Sharon Squires, who celebrates her birthday this coming week.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, including Kenneth Kirkner, for whom the altar flowers are given, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Led by James Gaddy, Jr. and the People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble
thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord
Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your
mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show
forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Led by James Gaddy, Jr. and the People

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.
*Amen.***

THE SERVICE CONCLUDES,
with Kent Nation leading the people in the following prayers

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

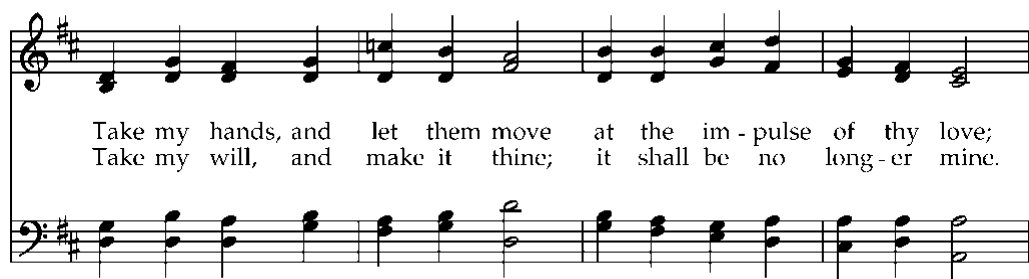
CONCLUDING HYMN *Take my life (Hollingside)* (VF 132)



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836–1879).

Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

POSTLUDE

James Gaddy Jr.: Morning prayer does not typically contain the passing of the peace. However, we will pass it before we leave the church so we can take it into the world. The peace of the Lord be always with you!

Please join us at coffee hour!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SAVE THE DATES!

The flowers are placed on the altar to the glory of God and In Loving Memory
of Kenneth Kirkner
by Joe and Pat Kirkner

Rev. Kristen is away this week. She will return emails and phone calls about regular parish business after Nov. 1. If you have an urgent pastoral need, such as a death or crisis, please contact our Senior Warden, Betty Sullivan, to reach our on-call pastoral care priest, the Rev. Suzanne Clune.

All Saints Day/Formation First, Nov. 1: We are going to worship in some ways that the saints who have come before us have. Join us for this special Eucharist where we “throw back” to Rite 1, which uses some of the older language for prayer, and experience communion at the rail. Note: There will be options for people of all abilities to receive communion “on the floor.” **For those who miss Rite 1, it will be a time of memory and praise. For those who don’t, it’s only for this Sunday! Also, bring in a photo or remembrance item for someone you love but see no more. We will display those pictures as we gather with the Great Cloud of Witnesses for worship.**

Stewardship season is upon us: Start praying on your financial commitment to Trinity. Over the month of November, we will be collecting pledge cards. We will offer them to God the weekend before Thanksgiving on the altar (Nov. 22). A pledge is a plan to give – and it helps us make a reasonable and accurate budget! See our pledge chair, Pat Bush, if you have any questions.

Compline for the Country, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.: Did you know our Book of Common prayer has a lot of prayers about our common life? Take a moment to pray for our country on Zoom before midterm elections.

Silent Auction, Nov. 7, 3-6 p.m.: It’s ON! Women of Trinity is back with *Lights, Camera, Auction!* Come for some early holiday shopping as the WOT raises money for our church, including some needed storage items to keep our Stone Hall rentals running smoothly. See Stacey H. or Pat K. if you want to help or donate, and mark your calendars!

SAVE THE DATES

Monday, Oct. 24: Bible study, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Stone Hall

Oct. 25: Orion services in Stone Hall, 10-2

Oct. 27: No healing service

Sunday, Oct. 18: Regular Vestry meeting following service

NOV. 1: All Saints Day! Also, Compline for the Country, 7:30 p.m., online – prayers for the country

NOV. 3: Election day...church open throughout day for prayers and reflection

NOV. 7: Silent auction fundraiser – 3-6 p.m.! Sponsored by Women of Trinity...share social media post!

Nov. 8: Veterans appreciation service, 9:30 a.m.

Nov. 8: Special vestry meeting with the Rev. Can. James Stambaugh following the service.

Nov. 15: Regular vestry meeting following the service

Nov. 29: First Sunday in Advent!

Dec. 6: Instructed Eucharist – Advent edition!

CHRISTMAS HYMN SING FUNDRAISER ON DEC. 6 (4:30 p.m.)

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA ON DEC. 12

Please pray for those on our parish prayer list:

Alyssa Anderson, Zella Anderson, Violet Armstead, Jamie Arrington, Angie Ashe, Bob Austin, Molly Baldwin, Marsha Barley, Bill Besecker, for the repose of the soul of Marva Brown, and her family and friends, especially her son and daughter-in-law, Hector and Kristine Brown, Maurice Casey, Violet Cole, Marie Hyacinthe Bribal, Anthony Brogan, Walter Bryant, Christ in Church in Ukraine, Carissa, Amy C., Lesley Cassidy, Millie Connor, Andrea Dudle, Ellie, Charles Emmett, Diane Evans, Marshall Evans, Morris Ferguson, Cassie Foreman, Kyla Foreman, Jacob Furlong, Ken Furlong, Clifford Gardiner, Phillip Geliebter, Bianca Giannotti, Linda Graber, Christopher Gray, Samantha Griggs, Susan Hanft, Scott Hansberry, for the Harvey family and the repose of the soul of Esther Harvey, Pat Hendricks, Matt Hess, Danyell Jackson, Henry James, Jennifer Jenkins, Tori Jenkins, John and Lindsay, Justin, Stephen and Alyssa K. and their families, Kevin Kendig, Lisa Kivett, Sye Lamar, Olivia Lyons, family and friends of Charles "Charlie" Lyman III, and especially his son, Kai, Joseph Manni, Robin McAllister, Paige McLean, Kevin McGloon, Brian Miller, Tracy Mulligan, Bruce Murray, Adam Nolt, Jessica Nupponen, Melanie, Bryan, and Joe Ostendorf, Barbara Oxenreider, Steve Pandosh, Stan Pernsley, for the repose of the soul of the Rev. Daryll Perry, and his family and friends, April Phillips, Ben Phillips, Louise Poles, Lynn Pullman, Arlene Purnsley, Karen Ragland, Michael Rayner, Jacob Rockoff, Thomas Shanley, Barb Smelter, John Smelter, Stephen Smelter, Stephanie, Becky Swaggart, Sean, Dihona Talton and children, Bill Terry, Mike Tisbe, Catherine Thompson, Todd, Vicki Romberger, Norman Walters, Cyndi Walters, Isaac Warnick, Sally Warren, Paul Wayne, Mary Nell Weiss, Chanel Wiest, Brendan Willauer, Ruby Williams, for the repose of the soul of Delores Williams, and her family and friends

And please pray for our first responders and those who serve in the military: *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, COL Jeremy Smith, CMDR Michael Sracic MD, SPC John Starrett*
Christ Church in the Ukraine has asked for our prayers for parish members *Yuriy, Danyil, Kyry, Ivan, Karyna and Marko; and Mykyta, Mykola, Vasyl and Andriy, who are missing in action. We also pray for Grace Gallgher, who is serving in the Peace Corps in Vietnam.*

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