MORNING PRAYER

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 24, 2020
WELCOME
TO ST. ANN & THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church is a house of worship and community commons in Brooklyn Heights. All are welcome here to seek sanctuary and solace, follow a spiritual path, celebrate music and the arts, participate in civic discourse, and engage in service for the common good.

We are glad you have come to worship with us. If you are visiting, we hope you will return soon. If you are searching for a spiritual home, we invite you to consider St. Ann’s. Our community is friendly, welcoming, and deeply committed to sharing God’s love, caring for creation, and serving our neighbors in need. Please join us!

Officiant  The Rev. Katherine A. Salisbury
Preacher  The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro
Reader  Wladimir Lewis-Thomas de Rosier, Dyannie Headley
Director of Music  Gregory D’Agostino
Soloist  Bridget Hogan
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE
Sarabande (French Suite No. 5)  
Bach

OPENING HYMN
The Hymnal 1982, #212, vv. 1,2,3&5

1 Awake, arise, lift up your voice, let
2 Oh, with what gladness and surprise the
3 those hands of liberal love indeed in
4 His enemies had sealed the stone as
5 O Dead arise! O Friendless stand by

1 Easter music swell; rejoice in Christ, a-
2 saints their Savior greet; nor will they trust their
3 infinite degree, those feet still free to
4 Pilate gave them leave, lest dead and friendless
5 seraphim adored! O Solitude a-

1 gain rejoice and on his praises dwell.
2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,
3 move and bleed for millions and for me.
4 and alone he should their skill deceive.
5 gain command your host from heaven restored!

Words: Christopher Smart (1772-1771), alt.  Music: Richmond, melody Thomas Hewes (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)
THE OPENING SENTENCE
Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER
Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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

FIRST LESSON Acts 1:6-14
Reader A Reading from the Book of Acts.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All Thanks be to God.
O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.

How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!
GOSPEL LESSON  

Reader  A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.”

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All  Thanks be to God.

SERMON  

The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro

ANTHEM  Hail the day that sees him rise  Wesley/Williams
THE PRAYERS

*Officiant*  God be with you.
*People*  And also with you.
*Officiant*  Let us pray.

*Officiant*  Our Father in heaven,
    hallowed be your Name,
    your kingdom come,
    your will be done,
    on earth as in heaven.

*Officiant*  Give us today our daily bread.
*Officiant*  Forgive us our sins
    as we forgive those
    who sin against us.

*Officiant*  Save us from the time of trial,
    and deliver us from evil.

*Officiant*  For the kingdom, the power,
    and the glory are yours,
    now and for ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

*Officiant*  Show us your mercy, O Lord;
*People*  And grant us your salvation.
*Officiant*  Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
*People*  Let your people sing with joy.
*Officiant*  Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
*People*  For only in you can we live in safety.
*Officiant*  Lord, keep this nation under your care;
*People*  And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
*Officiant*  Let your way be known upon earth;
*People*  Your saving health among all nations.
*Officiant*  Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
*People*  Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
*Officiant*  Create in us clean hearts, O God;
*People*  And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.
THE COLLECTS

Collect of the Day
O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life
O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect of Thanksgiving for Heroic Service
O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share in the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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.

THE BENEDICTION

Officiant  May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant  Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

THE PEACE

Officiant  The peace of Christ be always with you.  
And also with you.
1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;

3 From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
lead us from night to never-ending day;

of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay.

thy true religion in our hearts increase,
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,

our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

POSTLUDE  Gavotte (French Suite No. 5)  Bach