ST. ANN & THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
PRO-CATHEDRAL of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island
CLINTON & MONTAGUE STREETS | BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MORNING PRAYER

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 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. Canon John E. Denaro  
Preacher  The Rev. Marie A. Tatro  
Reader  Carol Francesciani  
Director of Music  Gregory D’Agostino  
Soloist  Amy van Roekel

A Note from the Director of Music
Today, as we move closer to the end of the Easter season, we feature the music of Handel, famous for composing Messiah. Our prelude and postlude are movements from Handel's Organ Concerto No. 5 (today performed on the piano), and indeed we also include the beloved aria from Messiah, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Alla siciliana
Handel

(Organ Concerto in F Major, Op. 4, No. 5)

OPENING HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #686

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
2 Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt or daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and
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 1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.
And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:7-18:  

Bless our God, you peoples; *  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;  
Who holds our souls in life, *  
and will not allow our feet to slip.  
For you, O God, have proved us; *  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the snare; *  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.  
You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; *  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.  
I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, *  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.  
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; *  
I will give you oxen and goats.  
Come and listen, all you who fear God, *  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.  
I called out to him with my mouth, *  
and his praise was on my tongue.  
If I had found evil in my heart, *  
the Lord would not have heard me.
But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

GOSPEL LESSON

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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SERMON
The Rev. Marie A. Tatro

MUSIC MEDITATION
Handel
I know that my redeemer liveth (Messiah)
THE PRAYERS

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

Our Father in heaven,
    hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
    on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
    as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
    and deliver us from evil.
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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Peace
O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Our City
O God, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth, especially this city. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that women and men from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through 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!
FINAL HYMN

1 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness, wake your noblest,
sweetest strain, with the praises of your Savior
let his house resound again; him let all your
music honored, and your songs exalt his reign.
gates of darkness, thence his banished ones to save.

2 Sing how he came forth from heaven, bowed himself to
Bethlehem’s cave, stooped to wear the servant’s vesture,
knewed and perfect, all things gathered into one.

3 So, he tasted death for mortals, he, of human-
kind the head, sinless one, among the sinful,
full redemption, and the captor captive led.

4 Now on high, yet ever with us, from his Father’s
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ransomed,
till the appointed work be done, till he see, re-

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POSTLUDE

Presto

(Handel)

Organ Concerto in F Major, Op. 4, No. 5)