SUNDAY LITURGY

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 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!

LEADERS IN TODAY’S SERVICE

- **Officiant**: The Rev. Marie A. Tatro
- **Preacher**: The Rev. Katherine A. Salisbury
- **Gospeller**: The Rev. Craig D. Townsend
- **Director of Music**: Gregory D’Agostino
- **Soloists**: Todd Frizzell
PRELUDE  Waltz in A minor,  
Chopin  
B. 150 Opus Post.

OPENING HYMN  The Hymnal 1982, #414

1 God, my King, thy might confessing, ever will I
2 Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; who his majes -
3 They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and
4 Nor shall fail from mem - ory's trea - sure works by love and
5 Full of kind - ness and com - pas - sion, slow to an - ger,

1 bless thy Name; day by day thy throne address - ing,
2 ty can reach? Age to age his works trans - mit - teth,
3 great - ness dwell, speak of thy dread acts the sto - ry,
4 mer - cy wrought, works of love sur - pass - ing mea - sure,
5 vast in love, God is good to all cre - a - tion;

1 still will I thy praise proclaim.
2 age to age his power shall teach.
3 and thy deeds of won - der tell.
4 works of mer - cy pass - ing thought.
5 all his works his good - ness prove.

Words: Richard Maste (1776-1848); para. of Ps. 145:1-12. Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge, 1715;
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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant  Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People   And blessed be God’s reign, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Officiant  Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People  Amen.

KYRIE

Officiant  Lord have mercy.

People  Christ have mercy.

Officiant  Lord have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant  God be with you.

People  And also with you.

Officiant  Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People  Amen.
THE FIRST LESSON  

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Reader  A Reading from The Book of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People  Thanks be to God.
I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;*
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

GOSPEL READING

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the
last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

SERMON  The Rev. Katherine A. Salisbury

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader  Please join me as we affirm our faith in God’s promise with the response, “We believe.”
We believe in one God who said, “Let there be light,” and there was! With that light, God made the world and all that is in it. When we were created, God put that light in us. And so we say,

People  We believe!

Leader  We believe in Jesus, the true Light, who went down to darkness to overcome death, and rose again. In his rising a path shines home to God’s heart. And so we say,

People  We believe!

Leader  We believe in the Spirit, filling us with hope, speaking the truth in every place, inspiring us to do justice and show kindness to one another. And so we say,

People  We believe!
Leader We believe in the Church, where God is praised and God’s people are forgiven, fed and sent out to love and serve the world. And so we say,

People We believe!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP, Form VI

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence
For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel and William, our Bishops, as we pray for all bishops and other ministers.

People For all who serve God in the Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence
The people may add their own petitions

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence
The people may add their own thanksgivings

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.
Intercessor  We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence
The people may add their own petitions

Intercessor  Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People    Who put their trust in you.
Intercessor  We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

All  Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant  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.

MUSIC MEDITATION

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
Words: Jan Struther       Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody

Performed by Todd Frizzell
Accompanied by Gregory D’Agostino

Parish prayers are offered during the music meditation.
THE LORD’S PRAYER

Officiant: And so as Jesus taught us, we now 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 forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

All: My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you, and may you never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Officiant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in the love and knowledge of God and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Savior; and the blessing of our God who created, redeemed and sustains us, be upon you this day and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.
CLOSING HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #527

1 Singing songs of expectation, onward
2 One the light of God's own presence, o'er his
3 One the strain the lips of thousands lift as

goes the pilgrim band, through the night of
ransomed people shed, chasing far the
from the heart of one; one the conflict,

doubt and sorrow, marching to the promised land.
gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread:
one the peril, one the march in God begun:

Clear before us through the darkness gleams and
one the object of our journey, one the
one the gladness of rejoicing on the

burns the guiding light; trusting God we
faith which never tires, one the earnest
far external shore, where the one all-

march together, stepping fearless through the night.
looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.
mighty Father reigns in love for evermore.

Words: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862); tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt. Music: Tom-y-Beoil, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)
POSTLUDE

Theme from Autumn
(“The Four Seasons”)  

Vivaldi

THE PEACE

Officiant  The peace of Christ be always with you.

People  And also with you.