HOLY EUCHARIST

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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

Celebrant  The Rev. Katherine A. Salisbury
Preacher    The Rev. Canon Suzanne Culhane
Readers     Seendy Fouron, Carol Francesciani
Director of Music  Gregory D’Agostino
Soloist     Richard Holmes
PRELUDE

Song of the Birds

Casals

OPENING HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #593

1 Lord, make us servants of your peace; where there is
hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for-
give; where there is strife, may we make one.

2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con-
soled, but to con-sole, nor look to un-der-standing
hearts, but look for hearts to un-derstand.

4 May we not look for love's re-turn, but seek to
celebrate, and in for-giv-ing are for-given.

5 Dying, we live, and are re-born through death's dark
night to end-less day; Lord, make us serv-ants of your
peace, to wake at last in hea-ven's light.
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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People** Amen.
COLLECT FOR ST. FRANCIS

Officiant Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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

Philippians 3:4b-14

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Phillipians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.
PSALM 80:7-14

Qui regis Israel

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches
to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Canon Suzanne Culhane
Canon for Stewardship, Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

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.

Officiant 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**

*How like a gentle spirit*

Words: C. Eric Lincoln  Music: Edward John Hopkins

Performed by Richard Holmes  Accompanied by Gregory D’Agostino

† Parish prayers are offered during the music meditation.†

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant  God 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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to a new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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!

Then the Celebrant continues
Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”
After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Celebrant and People**

- Christ has died.
- Christ is risen.
- Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**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.**
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant  Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People  Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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  Go forth into the world in peace to make peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render no one evil for evil, rather strengthen the faint-hearted. Befriend the lonely. Feed the hungry. Do good to all. And the blessings of God who created, redeems and sustains us, be upon you now 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, #400, vv. 1-4, 7

1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us
2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a-
3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to
4 Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessings on our
5 All you with mercy in your heart, forgiving others, take your
6 And even you, most gentle death, waiting to hush our final
7 Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humble-

1 sing: Al-le- lu - ia, al-le- lu - ia! Bright burning
2 loft, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

1 sun with golden beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise rejoice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show;
5 pain and sorrow bear, praise God, and cast on him your care;
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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POSTLUDE  Invention in G Major, BWV 781  Bach

THE PEACE

Officiant  The peace of Christ be always with you.
People     And also with you.