SUNDAY LITURGY

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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. Katherine A. Salisbury
Gospeller    The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro
Preacher     Elise Roecker
Readers      Grace and Lucy VanAlstyne
Director of Music  Gregory D’Agostino
Soloist      Richard Holmes
PREFACE

Cantilène Religieuse

OPENING HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #348

1 Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
2 Here, at your table, confirm our intention
3 When, at your table, each time of returning,
4 So, in the world where each duty assigned us

chosen by you, to be counted as friends;
ever to cherish the gifts you provide;
vows are renewed, and our courage restored:
gives us the chance to create or destroy,
yours is the strength that sustains our vocation,
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
may we increasingly glory in learning
help us to make those decisions that bind us,
ours a commitment we know never ends.
led by your Spirit, defender and guide.
all that it means to accept you as Lord.
Lord, to your self, in obedience and joy.

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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People** Amen.
Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
I will go before you and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name, I surname you,  
though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the Lord, and there is no other.  
I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the Lord do all these things.
PSALM 96:1-9  

Sing to the Lord a new song; *  
    sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *  
    proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations *  
    and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *  
    he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *  
    but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *  
    Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *  
    ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *  
    bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *  
    let the whole earth tremble before him.
GOSPEL READING  

Matthew 22:15-22

Reader  A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People  Thanks be to God.

SERMON  

Elise Roecker

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**  

**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

Great is thy faithfulness
Words: Thomas O. Chisholm  Music: William M. Runyan
Performed by Richard Holmes
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 May God, in whose image we are made, breath into you a Spirit of generosity and move you to give as you have received – abundantly, generously, and joyfully. And may the ministry you share with one another and with me, bear witness to God’s unfailing mercy and grace. In the name of the Three in whom we are One.

People Amen.

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

People Thanks be to God.
CLOSING HYMN

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1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of glory; let all who know his power proclaim aloud the salvation; with healing balm my soul he fills, and eye ne'er sleepeth. With in the kingdom of his might, lo! wondrous story! Cast each false idol from its throne, the every faithless murmur stills: to God all praise and glory.

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1649-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.

POSTLUDE

Marche-Sortie

Dubois

THE PEACE

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