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

SUNDAY LITURGY
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 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
Gospeller The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro
Preacher Tasha Richards
Readers Margaret Victor, Ellen Reilly
Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Soloist Bridget Hogan
PRELUDE

Elévation (Tierce en Taille)  F. Couperin

OPENING HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #656

1. Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
2. The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
3. He to the lowly soul will still himself impart and
4. Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give

1. secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
2. dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King;
3. for his dwelling and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
4. us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; st. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt.
Music: Francaix, melody Johann Balmain König (1691-1738); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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  1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People  Thanks be to God.
PSALM 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, 
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, 
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous 
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:34-46

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they 
gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test 
him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to 
him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all 
your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first 
commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as 
yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this 
question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said 
to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by 
the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to
give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more
questions.

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People  Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Tasha Richards

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
    the Father, the Almighty,
    maker of heaven and earth,
    of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
    the only Son of God,
    eternally begotten of the Father,
    God from God, Light from Light,
    true God from true God,
    begotten, not made,
    of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
    he came down from heaven:
    by the power of the Holy Spirit
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
    and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
    he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
    in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

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.

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.
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.
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

God is love, and where true love is
Words: Latin, tr. James Quinn
Music: A. Gregory Murray
Performed by Bridget Hogan
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.
1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
2 In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For his gifts to every nation,
In the help we give our neighbor,
For the good we all inherit,

thanks be to God.
God's will be done.
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
In our world-wide task of caring
For the wonders that astound us,
POSTLUDE

Postlude in C Major

Cappelen

THE PEACE

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