SUNDAY LITURGY

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020
10:00 AM
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. Canon John E. Denaro
Preacher  The Rev. Katherine A. Salisbury
Readers  Harry Johnson
         Jane Greenway Carr
Director of Music  Gregory D’Agostino
Soloist  Todd Frizzell
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Officiant  Our Savior now draws near:
People   O come, let us adore him.
Officiant  Come and save us, God of mercy and peace:
People   Show us the light of your countenance
         and we shall be saved.
Officiant  Lord, grant us your light, that we, being free from the
darkness of our hearts, may come to the true light which is
Christ.
People   Amen.

OPENING HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #56, vv. 1-4

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom
2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from
5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open
6 O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us
7 O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the
8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom

1 captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile
2 all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge
3 tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the
4 Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to
5 wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of
7 hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions
8 captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant  Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.
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.
TRISAGION

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People    Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON  Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader  A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18  
Qui regis Israel

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
  show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
  the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you; *
  give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
  show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-37

Reader   A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
  and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
  and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.
Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from
the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts
forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these
things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you,
this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven
and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the
Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time
will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his
slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the
watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the
house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or
else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I
say to all: Keep awake.”

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

SERMON

The Rev. Katherine A. Salisbury
THE 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.
ADVENT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant As we prepare for Jesus to come among us, let us offer prayers to God.

Intercessor For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence our Bishop, for Geralyn, Daniel and William, and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor For all we hold dear and all of life’s blessings, with thankful hearts, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor For refugees, for the sick and suffering, for the hungry and oppressed, and for those in prison, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor For those who have died and dwell with the saints in heaven, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor Joining our voices with Mary the Godbearer and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to Christ our Lord:

People To you, O Lord our God.
Officiant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

MUSIC MEDITATION

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Helmsley, Melody—Augustine Arne
Harmony—Ralph Vaughan Williams

Performed by Todd Frizzell
Accompanied by Gregory D’Agostino

† Parish prayers are offered during the music meditation. †

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.
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 the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
1 “Sleep-ers, wake!” A voice a-stounds us, the
2 Zion hears the watch-men singing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens adore you; let

shout of rampart-guards surrounds us: “A-
heart with joyful hope is springing, she
saints and angels sing before you, as

wake, Jerusalem, arise!” Midnight’s peace their
wakes and hurries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cymbals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has broken, their urgent summons clearly spo-
Bride-groom glorious in strength of grace, in truth vic-
tocity’s portals; through them we stream to join the immor-
ken: “The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God’s Son, In - car - nate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -
sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share.”
heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

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POSTLUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Bach

THE PEACE

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