St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church
Pro-Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island
CLINTON & MONTAGUE STREETS | BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Festival Eucharist of the Nativity
December 25, 2020
WELCOME
TO ST. ANN & THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
PRO-CATHEDRAL of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

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!

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro

Assisting Priests
The Rev. Katherine A. Salisbury
The Rev. Marie A. Tatro

Readers
Claudia Barber, Oreta Beckett, Wladimir Lewis-Thomas de Rosier, Jacqueline de Weever, Jessie DeWitt, Jane Ehlke, Peter Farley III, Syd Farley, Carol Francescani, Suzan Frazier, Colleen Heemeyer, Mary Johnson, Nancy Nicolette, Scott Parker, Christina Rouner, Halley Potter Taylor, Margaret Victor, Léon Willis, Jenniffer Willis

Harp
Mélanie Genin

Choir
Amy van Roekel, soprano
Melanie Long, alto
Todd Frizzell, tenor
Richard Holmes, bass

Organist & Choir Director
Gregory D’Agostino

Altar Guild
Claudia Barber, Oreta Beckett, Carol Francescani, Nancy Nicolette
OPENING HYMN

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O
   come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

2 God from God, Light from Light eternal,
   lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
   sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;

4 See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
   leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

5 Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
   we would embrace thee, with love and awe;

6 Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

The Hymnal 1982, #83, vv. 1, 4-6
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant  Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
People    And blessed be God’s reign, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant  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.
GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
    we worship you, we give you thanks,
    we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
    have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
    receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
    Jesus Christ,
    with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of
your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive
him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him
when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People    Amen.
THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
    have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
    as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
    and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
    and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
    and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
    Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
    and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
    He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
    from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader   Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People    Thanks be to God.
PSALM 96  The cantor introduces the refrain. The congregation repeats the refrain and sings as indicated thereafter.

Sing to the L ORD a new song;
      sing to the L ORD, all the whole earth.
Sing to the L ORD 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 L ORD and greatly to be praised;
      he is more to be feared than all gods.
Refrain

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
      but it is the L ORD who made the heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
      Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
Ascribe to the L ORD, you families of the peoples;
      ascribe to the L ORD honor and power.
Ascribe to the L ORD the honor due his Name;
      bring offerings and come into his courts.
Refrain

Worship the L ORD in the beauty of holiness;
      let the whole earth tremble before him.
Tell it out among the nations: “The L ORD is King!
      he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
      he will judge the peoples with equity.”
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
      let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
      let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes,
when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

The Story of Christmas according St. Matthew and St. Luke
The children of the Sunday School perform the Christmas Story.

CAST

Narrator  Aidan Richards
Mary       Lucy VanAlstyne
Joseph     Benjamin Tipson
Townspeople Elizabeth Kelly, Rhett Wilde, Richard Wilde
Angel Gabriel Grace VanAlstyne
Angel Cherubs Erin Richards, Raija Taylor, Emma Willis, Luna Willis
Caesar     Ezra Tipson
Soldiers, Shepherds Zachary Pope, Christian Richards, Julian Richards
Innkeepers  Canon John Denaro, Kate Kelly, Kristy VanAlstyne, Jared VanAlstyne, Joel Van Liew
Innkeeper’s Child Ali Pope
Jesus      Leo Mendoza
Angel of the Lord Virginia Salisbury
Sheep      Charlotte Mordkoff, Léon Willis III
Donkey     Jane Salisbury
Magi       Grace VanAlstyne, Lucy VanAlstyne, Virginia Salisbury

Director   Ellen Reilly
Assistant Director The Reverend Katherine A. Salisbury
Production Assistant Elizabeth Kelly
Children’s Choir Director Hallie Stotler

Thanks to all parents for your help and support!
The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro

THE NICENE CREED

Hymnal 1982, #S105

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
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Intercessor**  Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

**People**  Hear our prayer.

**Intercessor**  Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

**People**  Hear our prayer.
**Intercessor** Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy:

**People** *Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor** Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy:

**People** *Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor** Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy:

**People** *Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor** We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy:

**People** *Hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant** 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.

**Amen.**
**THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Celebrant*  
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.

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Celebrant*  
Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. Amen.
The Hymnal 1982, #109, vv. 1-2, 5-6

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
2 They look - ed up and saw a star
3 And by the light of that same star
4 This star drew nigh to the north west,
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
4 o’er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5 full reverently up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
4 and there it did both stop and stay
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence
1 on a cold winter's night, that was so deep.
2 and it continued both day and night.
3 and to follow the star wherever it went.
4 right over the place where Jesus lay.
5 their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Refrain

No well, No well, No well, No well,

born is the King of Israel.

6 Then let us all with one accord
    sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
    that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
    and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B (ELV)

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 our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

The Hymnal 1982, #128

ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who
The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ’s death,
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,
We await Christ’s coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary the Godbearer, St. Ann, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting
heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

Celebrant And so as Jesus taught us, we now pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallo wed 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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

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.
CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of holiness.

People Amen.

May God, who sent the angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior’s birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

People Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you peace.

People Amen

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Guide, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People Amen.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.
CLOSING HYMN

Silent night, holy night, all is calm,
Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake
Silent night, holy night, Son of God,

All is bright round yon virgin mother and child.
At the sight, glories stream from heaven afar,
Love’s pure light radiant beams from thy holy face,

Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is
With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy

Peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.
Born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
Birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820–1885)
Christmas Flowers & Music
Memorials and Thanksgivings

Given by Oreta Beckett in memory of Carl Beckett and Mr. & Mrs. C. Williams

Given by Claudia Barber in memory of Paul Barber, Caroline & Harold Seymour, Paulene & John Barber, and in thanksgiving for Andrew, Amy, Samuel & Louisa Barber, Peter, Meredith, Dylan & Tyler Barber, family and friends, and St. Ann’s family

Given by Gloria Goodman in thanksgiving

We wish to thank these artists for their great musical contributions to our celebration.

Mélanie Genin, harp

The Choir
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