St. Ann & The Holy Trinity Church
Pro-Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island
Clinton & Montague Streets | Brooklyn Heights

SUNDAY LITURGY
Epiphany Sunday
January 3, 2021
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 Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin  
**Readers**  Mary Johnson, Kate Kelly, Zachary Pope, Josie Pope  
**Director of Music**  Gregory D’Agostino  
**Choir**  Amy van Roekel, soprano  
Melanie Long, alto  
Todd Frizzell, tenor  
Richard Holmes, bass
PRELUDE
Noël X
Daquin

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

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O God from God, Light from Light eternal,
3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
4 See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
5 Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
2 lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb;
3 sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
4 leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5 we would embrace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
2 only been born Son of the Father;
3 glory to God, glory in the highest;
4 we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
5 who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
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.
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

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

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to
the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to
your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People          Amen.
THE FIRST LESSON  
Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader  
A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, 
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth, 
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you, 
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, 
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; 
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away, 
and your daughters shall be carried 
on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; 
your heart shall thrill and rejoice, 
because the abundance of the sea shall 
be brought to you, 
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, 
the young camels of Midian and Ephah; 
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, 
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reader  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People  
Thanks be to God.
Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
Reader   A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
    are by no means least
    among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
    who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

SERMON   The Rt. Rev. R William Franklin
          Assisting Bishop 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

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.**
MUSIC MEDITATION

We Three Kings
Performed by the St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Youth Choir
Virginia Salisbury, Grace VanAlstyne, and Lucy VanAlstyne
Hallie Stotler, Director

† 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 Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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 Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.