ST. ANN & THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
PRO-CATHEDRAL of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island
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SUNDAY LITURGY
First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021
WELCOME
TO ST. ANN & THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
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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
Preacher The Rev. Craig D. Townsend
Readers Peter Farley III, Syd Farley
Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Soloist Todd Frizzell, tenor

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PRELUDE  Variation 15 (Goldberg Variations)  Bach

OPENING HYMN  The Hymnal 1982, #150

PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant  Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People  God’s mercy endures for ever. Amen.
THE DECALOGUE

Officiant Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the
Lord your God.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant Honor your father and your mother.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not commit murder.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not commit adultery.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not steal.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not be a false witness.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Officiant reads the following:
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not
in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:8,9
THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

People   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.

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant  God be with you.

People   And also with you.

Officiant  Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People   Amen.
THE FIRST LESSON

Reader  A Reading from the Second Book of Kings.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People  Thanks be to God.

PSALM  25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
   let me not be humiliated,
   nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
   let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
Show me your ways, O Lord, *
   and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
  for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
  for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
  remember me according to your love
  and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
  therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right *
  and teaches his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
  to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Reader  A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by
John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he
saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.
And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you
I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in
the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild
beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the
good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom
of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Craig D. Townsend
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, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel and William, our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.
People  Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor  For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor  For this congregation that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor  For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor  For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor  For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor  For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.

MUSIC MEDITATION

Embrarm’ dich mein, O Herre Gott
Johann Sebastian Bach
Performed by Gregory D’Agostino
† Parish prayers are offered during the music meditation.†
Intercessor  Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary the Godbearer, St. Ann and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People  To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

Officiant  O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of Your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

People  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

People  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 Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. And may the Blessing of God Almighty, Creator Redeemer and Sustainer 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.

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR!

Remain online and you will be admitted to the gathering.
The process takes a few minutes, so please be patient.

Thank you.