Holy Eucharist

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021
10:00 AM
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. We are so glad you have come to worship with us. As you know, the ongoing pandemic makes this an extraordinary time that requires us to take precautions to protect ourselves and others. We ask while you are here to please follow all of these health protocols:

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth
- Maintain a safe social distance from anyone not in your household.
- Refrain from shaking hands, holding hands and hugging anyone not in your household.
- Notify the office of St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church immediately if you develop symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, coughing, shortness of breath) or test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of being on church property.

St. Ann’s is a friendly and welcoming church that is deeply committed to sharing God’s love, caring for creation, and serving our neighbors in need. We remain steadfast in our prayers for the safety of our community, our nation and the world and that all God’s people can live in freedom and peace.

Thank you for joining us!

LEADERS IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Celebrant The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro
Preacher The Rev. Dr. Craig D. Townsend
Reader Peter Farley III
Intercessor Syd Farley
Usher Donna Evans, Peter Farley IV
Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Soloist Richard Holmes, baritone
Altar Guild Claudia Barber, Debbie Mumm, Oreta Beckett
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SOLO  Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant  Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People  The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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  sung by the cantor

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 have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People    Amen.

The people are seated

THE FIRST LESSON  
Acts 10:44-48

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People  Thanks be to God.
PSALM 98 said by all

Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide
in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I
have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these
things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No
one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my
friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Craig D. Townsend

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.

THE 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.

Intercessor  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.

Intercessor  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.

Intercessor  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.

Intercessor  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.

**Intercessor** 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.

**Intercessor** 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 your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Celebrant** 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.

**Celebrant** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sin 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 PEACE**

**Celebrant** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*A WORD OF WELCOME*
OFFERTORY SENTENCE

SOLO Lord, make us servants of your peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord 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 God 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory:
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Then 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,
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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance
that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

SOLO O Love of God, how strong and true

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.
BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE March in A Major Guilmant
OPENING HYMN

Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness

1 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness, wake your noblest,
   sweetest strain, with the praises of your Savior
   let his house resound again; him let all your
   music honor, and your songs exalt his reign.

2 Sing how he came forth from heaven, bowed himself to
   Bethlehem's cave, stooped to wear the servant's vesture,
   bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed within the
   gates of darkness, thence his banished ones to save.

3 So, he tasted death for mortals, he, of human
   kind the head, sinless one, among the sinful,
   Prince of life, among the dead; thus he wrought the
   full redemption, and the captor captive led.

4 Now on high, yet ever with us, from his Father's
   throne the Son rules and guides the world he ransomed,
   till the appointed work be done, till he see, re-
   newed and perfect, all things gathered into one.

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, make us servants of your peace

1 Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love’s return, but seek to
5 Dying, we live, and are reborn through death’s dark

hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

give; where there is strife, may we make one.
gligh; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
peace, to wake at last in heaven’s light.

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1 O Love of God, how strong and true, eternal
2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we read thee
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ever new; unfathomed and un-
in the sky above; we read thee in the earth be-
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa-
th from on
darkness of the grave; still more in resur-rection

bought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the fullness of thy might.

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