ST. ANN & THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Pro-Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island
CLINTON & MONTAGUE STREETS | BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

HOLY EUCHARIST
Second Sunday of Advent
Parish Annual Meeting
December 5, 2021
10:30 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:

- Pre-registration is no longer required.
- Those who have recently tested positive for Covid-19, have Covid-like symptoms, or been in contact with someone who has them, may not attend in-person worship.
- Masks over both nose and mouth continues to be required on church grounds.
- We now sing while wearing our masks!

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. Katherine A. Salisbury
Homilist The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro
Assisting Priests The Rev. Dr. Craig D. Townsend
The Rev. Marie A. Tatro
Lay Eucharistic Minister Harry Johnson
Readers Colleen Heemeyer, Virginia Salisbury
Ushers Sven Heemeyer, Scott Parker
Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Cantor Bridget Hogan
Altar Guild Carol Francescani, Nancy Nicolette, Winfred Murdaugh
Livestream Director Eleana Donaldson
PARISH ANNUAL MEETING WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

_Celebrant_ Our Savior now draws near:

_People_ O come, let us adore him.

_Celebrant_ Come and save us, God of mercy and peace:

_People_ Show us the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

_Celebrant_ 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING RITE

_Celebrant_ Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

_People_ And blessed be God’s reign, now and for ever. Amen.

_Celebrant_ Let us pray together.

We thank you, God, for this new day. Open our ears to hear you. Open our eyes to see you. Open our hearts to love you. Fill us with your Spirit that we may worship and praise you in the name of your son Jesus. Amen.
TRISAGION

The Hymnal 1982, #S100

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

People   Amen.
A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader   Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People   Thanks be to God.
HYMN  “Comfort, comfort ye my people”  Hymnal 1982, #67

1 Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God; comfort those who sit in darkness far and near, calling us to new repentance places plain; let your hearts be true and humble, mourning 'neath their sorrows' load. Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a-broad;

2 Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert since the kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning as befits his holy reign. For the glory tell her that her sins I cover, let the valleys rise to meet him and all flesh shall see the token

3 Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher and her warfare now is o-ver. and the hills bow down to greet him. that the word is never broken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  Music: Psalms 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm.  Hymnal 1982
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro
The people stand.

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, to reveal our own brightness. 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

Celebrant God, we remember the blessings of this life; this community, our families and friends. We pray for people celebrating birthdays this week. We pray for the earth, and your whole creation. We pray for our neighbors, and for all those in need or trouble. We pray for those who have died, and for those being born. And as we stand before you now, we offer our hopes and concerns.

The congregation is invited to offer prayers silently or aloud.
CONFESSION

Celebrant  Now let us ask for God’s forgiveness.
People  Loving God, everything you make is good. In your goodness, you trust us with all that is yours. You ask us to love you and our neighbors as ourselves. But we do not always live as you hope we would; sometimes our words and actions can be hurtful, and when we hurt others, we hurt you. Please forgive us and help us to live the way that Jesus teaches us. Amen.

Celebrant  Almighty God forgive you all your sins through our savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep in you in everlasting life.
People  Amen.

THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC MEDITATION sung by the cantor

“Jesu, joy of man’s desiring”  J.S. Bach
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:
The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.
Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**  
*The Hymnal 1982, #S149*

**Celebrant**  As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing,
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.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Prepare the way, O Zion” Hymnal 1982#65

1 Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
2 He brings God’s rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior’s rule embrace.

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.
ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS RESUMES

At the conclusion of the annual meeting with a closing prayer and the dismissal.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant   Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People      Thanks be to God.
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