**Holy Eucharist**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

December 19, 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 continue 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 & Preacher  The Rev. Craig D. Townsend
Lay Eucharistic Minister Carol Francescani
First Reader Debbie Mumm
Second Reader Margaret Victor
Intercessor Colleen Heemeyer
Usher Sven Heemeyer
Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Cantor Amy van Roekel
Altar Guild Margaret Victor, Oreta Beckett, Debbie Mumm
Livestream Director Eleana Donaldson
OPENING HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #54

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Bach

1 Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's
2 Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word appears, granting
4 Come, O Father's saving Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Marvel now, both
Virgin undefiled! Mighty God and
his created spheres; hence to death and
sin the victory won. Boundless shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Mary's son, eager now his race to run!
hell descends, then the heavenly throne ascends.
kings and domes be; grant that we its glories see.

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.
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.

TRISAGION  

The Hymnal 1982, #S100

\[\text{Trisagion}\]

\[\text{Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.}
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant    God be with you.
People       And also with you.
Celebrant    Let us pray.
               Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People       Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
   who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
   one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
   from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
   when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
   to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
   in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
   to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader       Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People       Thanks be to God.
Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.
When Christ came into the world, he said,
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”
When he said above “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices
and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according
to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the
first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been
sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader     Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People     Thanks be to God.
In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”
The people stand.

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.
ADVENT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

_Celebrant_  As we prepare for Jesus to come among us, let us offer prayers to God.

_Intercessor_  For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ, we pray to you, O Lord:

_People_  Come, O Lord, and save us.

_Intercessor_  For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

_People_  Come, O Lord, and save us.

_Intercessor_  For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, William and Daniel, our Bishops, and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord:

_People_  Come, O Lord, and save us.

_Intercessor_  For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, we pray to you, O Lord:

_People_  Come, O Lord, and save us.

_Intercessor_  For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord:

_People_  Come, O Lord, and save us.

_Intercessor_  For all we hold dear and all of life’s blessings, with thankful hearts, we pray to you, O Lord:

_People_  Come, O Lord, and save us.

_Intercessor_  For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, we pray to you, O Lord:

_People_  Come, O Lord, and save us.

_Intercessor_  For refugees, for the sick and suffering, for the hungry and oppressed, and for those in prison, we pray to you, O Lord:

_People_  Come, O Lord, and save us.

_Intercessor_  For those who have died and dwell with the saints in heaven, we pray to you, O Lord:

_People_  Come, O Lord, and save us.
Intercessor  Joining our voices with Mary the Godbearer and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to Christ our Lord:

People  To you, O Lord our God.

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.

People  Amen.

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.

Celebrant  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 PEACE

Celebrant  The peace of Christ be always with you.

People  And also with you.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC MEDITATION
PRESENTATION HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #68

1 Re-joice! re-joice, be-liev-ers, and let your lights ap-pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn-ing, re-ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex-pect-a-tion, O Je-sus, now ap-pear;

The eve-ning is ad-vanc-ing, and dark-er night is near.
look now for your sal-va-tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a-rise, thou Sun so longed for, a-bove this dark-ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a-ris-ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar-rriage-feast is wait-ing, the gates wide o-pen stand;
With hearts and hands up-lift-ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex-pec-ta-tion! at mid-night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo-ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
the day of earth’s re-demp-tion, and ev-er be with thee!

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Music: Llangaffo, melody from Hymnau a Thomas er Gweeanaeth yr Eglwys yr Nghymru, 1865
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.

MUSIC MEDITATION

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

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.

Officiant  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

The people stand and sing.

CLOSING HYMN  The Hymnal 1982, #437

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
tender to me the promise of his word;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord.

in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
his holy Name— the Lord, the Mighty One.
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
to children’s children and for evermore!

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