Holy Eucharist

Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 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. Marie A. Tatro
Preacher The Rev. Katherine A. Salisbury
Lay Eucharistic Minister Wladimir Lewis-Thomas de Rosier
First Reader Suzan Frazier
Second Reader Jacqueline de Weever
Intercessor Mary Johnson
Usher Gloria Goodman
Guest Organist Stephen Rumpf
Cantor Todd Frizzell
Altar Guild Claudia Barber, Carol Fracescani, Winifred Maurdaugh
Livestream Director Carlos Ponce
GREETINGS

The people stand

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 HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #73
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.
COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant  God be with you.
People     And also with you.

Celebrant  Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People     Amen.
Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
   O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
   he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
   you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
   do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
   a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
   he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
   as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
   so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
   at that time.
And I will save the lame
   and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
   and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
   at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

The people sit.

CANTICLE 9 said by all  The First Song of Isaiah  Ecce Deus

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
    I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
    and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
    from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
    Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
    see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
    and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
    for the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.
THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

People   Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his
threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.


_People_ Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON**

The Rev. Katherine A. Salisbury

_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,
eterally 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.

OFFERED SENTENCE

MUSIC MEDITATION

PRESENTATION HYMN

Redeemer of the nations come

Sung to the tune Puer nobis

1. The King shall come when morning dawns
   and light triumphant breaks;
   when beauty gilds the eastern hills
   and life to joy awakes.

2. Not, as of old, a little child,
   to bear, and fight, and die,
   but crowned with glory like the sun
   that lights the morning sky.

3. The King shall come when morning dawns
   and earth’s dark night is past;
   O haste the rising of that morn,
   the day that e’er shall last;

4. and let the endless bliss begin,
   by weary saints foretold,
   when right shall triumph over wrong,
   and truth shall be extolled.

5. The King shall come when morning dawns
   and light and beauty brings:
   Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,
   come quickly, King of kings.
Celebrant | God be with you.
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People | And also with you.

Celebrant | Lift up your hearts.
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People | We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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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.
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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:
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,

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\text{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.}
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\text{Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial,}
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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

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POSTLUDE  First movement (Concerto in A minor), BWV 593    Bach
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