

ST. ANN & THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
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SUNDAY LITURGY

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

WELCOME

TO ST. ANN & THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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. Marie A. Tatro
Reader Jenniffer Willis
Director of Music Gregory D'Agostino
Soloist Richard Holmes

PRELUDE

Hymn to Freedom

Peterson



A note from Gregory D'Agostino: In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, today we feature a prelude by jazz great Oscar Peterson. Hymn to Freedom was written in 1962 and was embraced by many as the anthem of the Civil Rights movement. In composing the piece, Peterson was inspired by spirituals he recalled from his childhood in Montreal, and sought

to capture the poignant quality of those Baptist hymns in the opening and closing sections. Over the years Peterson performed and recorded the work many times, and each time was different; the opening and closing always featured a simple statement of the hymn, with the middle section containing Peterson's improvised variations on the tune. On a personal note, I was fortunate to have heard Oscar Peterson live at The Blue Note twice, and he was amazing. Peterson died two days before Christmas in 2007.



OPENING HYMN

LEVAS II, #62

1. In ___ Christ there is no ___ East or West, In
 2. In ___ Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their
 3. Join ___ hands, di - ci - ples of the faith, What
 4. In ___ Christ now meet both East and West, In

1. Him no South or ___ North; ___ But ___ one great fel - low -
 2. high com - mu - nion ___ find; ___ His ___ ser - vice is the
 3. e'er your race may ___ be! ___ Who ___ serves my Fa - ther
 4. Him meet South and ___ North; ___ All ___ Christ - ly souls are

1. ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man kind.
 3. as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
 4. one in him Through out the whole wide earth.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Officiant 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.**

KYRIE

Officiant Lord have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Officiant Lord have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Reader A Reading from the Book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

Domine, probasti

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be
more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

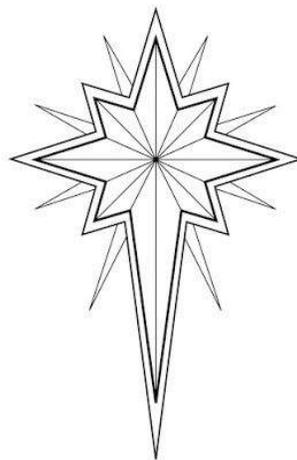
Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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SERMON

The Rev. Marie A. Tatro



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. 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

BCP, Form IV

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant 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.
Amen.

MUSIC MEDITATION

Vocalise

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Richard Holmes-Vocals

Gregory D'Agostino-Organ

A note from Gregory D'Agostino: Rachmaninoff's Vocalise is a moving song without words, originally intended for high soprano or tenor. Typically sung by a soprano on one vowel, it has been transcribed to virtually every solo instrument and instrumental combination. In this version—my own transcription for the organ—listen for the rise and fall of the plaintive melody, the undulating tension and resolution and, toward the end, the counter melodies at play. Interestingly, Rachmaninoff's harmonizations and intricate voicings were a big influence on jazz pianist Oscar Peterson (composer of today's prelude), who included frequent quotes in jazz works of passages from Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2. Composed in 1915 in Russia, Vocalise remains an audience favorite to this day.

† *Parish prayers are offered during the music meditation.* †

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant 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.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant 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.**

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

All **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 May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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 PEACE

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**