

ST. ANN & THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020



St. Ann
& the Holy Trinity
Episcopal Church

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. Marie A. Tatro
Preacher The Rev. Craig D. Townsend
Readers Kristin Lundberg, Scott Parker
Director of Music Gregory D'Agostino
Soloist Todd Frizzell

PRELUDE

Récit de Nazard

Clérambault

OPENING HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #490

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look at Je-sus.
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-8, 12

Domine, refugium

Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,*
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where

I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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SERMON

The Rev. Craig D. Townsend

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 VI

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel and William, our Bishops, as we pray for all bishops and other ministers.

People For all who serve God in the Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The people may add their own petitions

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The people may add their own thanksgivings

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The people may add their own petitions

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

MUSIC MEDITATION

My Lord, what a morning

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual

Performed by Todd Frizzell

Accompanied by Gregory D'Agostino

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

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 God, in whose image we are made, breath into you a Spirit of generosity and move you to give as you have received – abundantly, generously, and joyfully. And may the ministry you share with one another and with me, bear witness to God's unfailing mercy and grace. In the name of the Three in whom we are One.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #551

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

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POSTLUDE

Caprice sur les Grands Jeux

Clérambault

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.