Forgiving Father, Frank Wesley

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

Holy Eucharist
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022
10:30 AM
WELCOME

to St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church
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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:

- 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!

Celebrant The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro
Preacher Emily Cowan
Lay Eucharistic Minister Benjamin Graham
First Reader Benjamin Graham
Second Reader Carol Stone
Intercessor Liz Chidder
Usher Donna Evans
Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Cantor Amy van Roekel
Altar Guild Donna Evans, Liz Chidder, Oreta Beckett
Livestream Director Carlos Ponce
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people stand and sing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #686

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a

ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. pleasure, safely to arrive at home. father, bind my wandering heart to thee:

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's unchanging love. danger, interposed his precious blood. seal it, seal it for thy courts above.
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant  Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People  His mercy endures for ever.

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.

KYRIE ELEISON

The Hymnal 1982, #S86

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant  God be with you.
People  And also with you.
Officiant  Let us pray.
Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People  Amen.
THE FIRST LESSON

Joshua 5:9-12

Reader    A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader    Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People    Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
    and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
    and in whose spirit there is no guile!
While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
    because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
    my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
    and did not conceal my guilt.
I said," I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
    Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
    when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
You are my hiding-place;
    you preserve me from trouble; *
    you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *  
I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

THE SECOND LESSON  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Reader  A Reading from Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we  
one once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that  
way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed  
away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us  
to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is,  
in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses  
against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are  
ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat  
you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be  
sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the  
Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes  
sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father,  
'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided
his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"


*People*   Praise to you, Lord Christ.
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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
*BCP, Form V*

**Intercessor**  
In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love,  
and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you,  
O Lord.

**People**  
Lord, have mercy.

**Intercessor**  
For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Lawrence, Geralyn, William  
and Daniel our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and  
for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**  
Lord, have mercy.

**Intercessor**  
For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our  
divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are  
one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**  
Lord, have mercy.

**Intercessor**  
For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach  
the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**  
Lord, have mercy.

**Intercessor**  
For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance  
may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**  
Lord, have mercy.

**Intercessor**  
For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and  
promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O  
Lord.

**People**  
Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor  For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor  For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor  For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor  For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor  For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor  For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor  Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary the mother of God, St. Ann and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People  To you, O Lord our God. Silence.

The Celebrant adds the following Doxology.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.
THE CONFESSION

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.

OFFERnty SENTENCE

MUSIC MEDITATION

PRESENTATION HYMN  The Hymnal 1982, #620

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1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows
2 see God face to face; they triumph still, they
3 master of the choir; ten thousand times would
4 tune surpassing sweet, and blessed martyrs’
5 grant that I may see thine endless joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2 still rejoice in that most happy place.
3 one be blest who might this music hear.
4 harmony doth ring in every street.
5 of the same partner ever be!
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant  The Lord 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 him 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.
Celebrant  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.
People  By your will they were created and have their being.
Celebrant  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.
People  Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.
Celebrant  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.
People  By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.
Celebrant  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:
Then 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.

The Celebrant continues.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and 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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing,

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,

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant  Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People    Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, communion is offered in one kind (bread only). The Lay Eucharistic Minister receives the wine on behalf of the congregation. At St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church, our common practice is to receive the bread in outstretched hands. Please indicate to the Celebrant if you would like gluten-free communion bread. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer a blessing.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant  Let us pray.
People    Almighty and everliving God,
          we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
          and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
          And now, O God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
          To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.
BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Celebrant Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #690

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar fears subside; death of death, and hell’s destruction,
hold me with thy powerful hand; bread of heaven, lead me all my journey through; strong deliverer, land me safe on Canaan’s side; songs of praises,

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March 31st is the day celebrated as J. S. Bach's birthday, and so we begin with a prelude by Bach (1685-1750) and end with a musical homage to Bach on his name spelled in musical notes. It is hard to overestimate the importance, magnificence, and influence of Bach's music. Consider that, for a man who lived three centuries ago and spent his entire life in southern Germany in an area about 125 miles end-to-end (except for Bach's 4 month foray to Lübeck to learn from Buxtehude), there is likely not a single church, concert hall, or music salon on this planet that has not witnessed a performance of Bach's music. And since his music was included on two Voyager space probes (featured three times, more than any other composer), Bach now belongs to the universe as well.

The prelude, Erbarm' dich mein, O Herre Gott, (Have mercy on me, my Lord God) is unique in Bach's output with it's pleading, repeated 4-5 note chords accompanying the chorale tune. Though the left-hand chords are perceived harmonically, there is a subtle contrapuntal aspect to them. The style was so unlike any of Bach's other works that it was originally thought not to be composed by him, but is now attributed to Bach. The style, though unusual for composers in his circle, was not unknown and was used by Corelli and Kuhnau.

The postlude, Fugue on the Name B-A-C-H by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908) is a piano work, here transcribed for the organ, which spells out the name of Bach as the fugue subject (theme). In the German music alphabet, B = B-flat and H = B natural. Hence, Bach's name spells out the 4-note chromatic subject, B-flat - A - C - B natural. Immediately before I begin the postlude today, I will play just those four notes. Bach himself famously used his own name in the quadruple fugue from Die Kunst Der Fuge (The Art of Fugue), which remained unfinished upon his death.

–Gregory D'Agostino, DMA