**Holy Eucharist**

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 4, 2022

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:

- 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.

Celebrant & Preacher
The Rev. Dr. Craig D. Townsend

Lay Eucharistic Minister
Carol Francescani

First Reader
Wladimir Lewis-Thomas de Rosier

Second Reader
Barbara Gonzo

Intercessor
Jacqueline de Weever

Usher
Barbara Gonzo

Director of Music
Gregory D’Agostino

Cantor
Todd Frizzell

Altar Guild
Carol Francescani, Winifred Murdaugh,
Gloria Goodman

Livestream Director
Carlos Ponce
PRELUDE

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

J. S. Bach

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people stand and sing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #440

1 Blessed Jesu, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;
2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded, till thy Spirit breaks our night ceed ing, open thou our ears and heart,
3 Gracious Lord, thy self impart! Light of Light, from God pro now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teachings with the beams of truth unclouded; thou alone to help us by thy Spirit's pleading. Hear the cry thy pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely. God canst win us; thou must work all good within us. Church up-raises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant  Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
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, S-100

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant  God be with you.
People  And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray.
Celebrant  Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People  Amen.
THE FIRST LESSON  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20  

Reader  A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People  Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1  
Beatus vir qui non abiit

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.
THE SECOND LESSON  Philemon 1-21

Reader  A Reading from Paul’s Letter to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People  Thanks be to God.
Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Craig D. Townsend

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

Intercessor  Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. *A brief silence.* Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden Church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,

People  Receive our prayer.

Intercessor  Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,

People  Receive our prayer.

Intercessor  Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they may advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,

People  Receive our prayer.
Intercessor Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer. Merciful God,

People Receive our prayer.

Intercessor Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,

People Receive our prayer.

Intercessor Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,

People Receive our prayer.

Celebrant Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

People 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.

WORD OF WELCOME
OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC MEDITATION

PRESENTATION HYMN

Refrain

God is love, and where true love is God himself is there.

Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting;
let there be in us no discord but one spirit.
when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.

Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.
Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,

Lov ing him, let each love Christ in one another.
Christ, our God, be always present here among us.
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

The Hymnal 1982, #577
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.

The Celebrant continues

Celebrant     It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give
thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, for you
are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called
us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the
glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

The Hymnal 1982, #S128
Then the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember Christ’s death, We proclaim Christ’s resurrection, We await Christ’s coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary the Godbearer, St. Ann and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.
THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

The Lord's Prayer in traditional melody:

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.

THE 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.
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.

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

Celebrant The Wisdom of God, the Love of God and the Grace of God
strengthen you to be Christ’s hands and heart in the world, in the
name of the Holy Trinity.

People Amen.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #541

1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till

1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tar - ces, to
3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
4 an - gels can - not share-- to young and old the
5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows

1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
3 may do ser - vice here; by feeb - lest a - gents
4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
5 o’er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes

1 does the Mas - ter say, “Go work to - day.”
2 du - tY have for - got, he slum - bered not.
3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
5 with the set - ting sun, “Ser - vants, well done.”

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor

Johann Ernst Eberlin