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

Holy Eucharist
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Homecoming Sunday
September 18, 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.

Celebrant & Preacher  The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro
Assisting Priest  The Rev. Marie A. Tatro
Lay Eucharistic Minister  Scott Parker
First Reader  Jacqueline de Weever
Second Reader  Sunday School family
Intercessor  Sunday School family
Usher  Seendy Fouron
Director of Music  Gregory D’Agostino
Cantor  Bridget Hogan
Altar Guild  Claudia Barber, Carol Francescani, Winifred Murdaugh
Livestream Director  Eleana Donaldson
PREFLIDE

Voluntary in E Major

Alec Rowley

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people stand and sing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LEVAS II, #194

Lead me, guide me, along the way,

For if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to
2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

1. help me over my weakest hour; Help me
2. aid when satan and sin oppress; I am
3. blind without thy light to see; Lord, just

1. through the darkness thy face to see,
2. putting all my trust in thee.
3. always let me thy servant be.

D.C.

1. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
2. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
3. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant  Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
People     And blessed be God’s reign, now and for ever. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

All        We thank you, God, for this new day. Open our ears to hear you. Open our eyes to see you. Open our hearts to love you. Fill us with your Spirit that we may worship and praise you in the name of your son Jesus. Amen.

KYRIE       LEVAS II, #237

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy, O Lord.
COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty God, we remember in thanksgiving this day the parents of Mary the mother of Jesus; and we pray that we all may be made one in the heavenly family of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 17:1–8

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.’ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ‘As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.’

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People Thanks be to God.
PSALM 132:11-19

The Lord has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:
“A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.
If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”
For the Lord has chosen Zion; *
he has desired her for his habitation:
“This shall be my resting-place for ever; *
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.
I will surely bless her provisions, *
and satisfy her poor with bread.
I will clothe her priests with salvation, *
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.
There will I make the horn of David flourish; *
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.
As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; *
but as for him, his crown will shine.”

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1:1–5

Reader A Reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and
labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know,
brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our
message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the
Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we
proved to be among you for your sake.

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.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.’ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’

Gospeller   The Gospel of the Lord.
People     Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro

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

Intercessor With all our hearts and minds, let us pray to God responding, “God of love, hear our prayer.”

United in relationships of holy connection and communion, we share a heart with those who feel separated or cast out for any reason. Help us reach out in love.

People God of love, hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for this beloved community, in the spirit, growing with all people. Help us make it safe for all to live with integrity and for all to live in peace.

People God of love, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Inspiring us through our church, through Scripture, through the Word made flesh in Jesus, and through the sacraments, help us to deepen our relationship with You.

People God of love, hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for people and places that long for relief from suffering; for all affected by the coronavirus; for all struggling with mental health concerns and all those in need of healing. God remind us that we are not alone.

People God of love, hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray that your live will find ways to restore our wounded world to wholeness and guide our nation and leaders to right action. Help us to be instruments of justice and peace.

People God of love, hear our prayer.

Intercessor We give thanks for all the moments of grace that sustain us, and all the reminders that your love and grace abound. Give us eyes to see your goodness in the world around us.

People God of love, hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for those who have died. Comfort those who grieve.

People God of love, hear our prayer.

Intercessor God of love, send us into the world, rooted and grounded in love, to serve all people with humility, compassion, and faithfulness.

People God of love, hear our prayer.
Celebrant  Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People  Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant  Now let us ask for God’s forgiveness.

All  Loving God, everything you make is good. In your goodness, you trust us with all that is yours. You ask us to love you and our neighbors as ourselves. But we do not always live as you hope we would; sometimes our words and actions can be hurtful, and when we hurt others, we hurt you. Please forgive us and help us to live the way that Jesus teaches us. Amen.

Celebrant  Almighty God forgive you all your sins through our savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep in you in everlasting 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
1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 good to give God thanks and praise.
Celebrant  Now the table is set. At this table we are in the company of Jesus, and all who love him. At this table Jesus shares food and drink with those who seek him: the old and the young, the poor and the rich, the weak and the strong. At this table we celebrate our communion with the earth that God gave us to cherish. And we celebrate the life that Jesus shared with his community and shares with us now. So we give thanks to you and we praise you, God of all creation; and we join our voices with all who proclaim your glory, as we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

LEVAS II, #255
God of love, you made us for yourself. In Jesus, you liberate us and save us. On the night before he died, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, and broke the bread, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me.”

Then Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This is my blood of the new promise which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink of it, do this in memory of me.”

Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which comes from the earth and which human hands have made. Take these gifts and make them holy by the grace and power of your Holy Spirit, that they may be for us the body and blood of Jesus, the promise of new life in him.

Be present to us, Jesus, in this Communion, and help us to remember that you live in us always.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
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.

All  Loving God, we thank you for feeding us with the bread of new life in Jesus. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and share in the risen life for Christ. Amen.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Celebrant  Holy One, we rest in your goodness:
People  Guide us with your grace.
Celebrant  For your Church we ask:
People  Guide us with your grace.
Celebrant  For our world we ask:
People  Guide us with your grace.
Celebrant  For our communities we ask:
People  Guide us with your grace.
Celebrant  For our parish family we ask:
People  Guide us with your grace.
Celebrant  We offer these prayers of our hearts to God, as we journey forth this day, and may the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you and remain with your always.
People  Amen.
Celebrant  Our worship has ended, our service begins.
People  Thanks be to God.
RECESSIONAL HYMN

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North, but one great fellowship, as his child is surely kin to me.

2 Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be! Who serves my Father all Christly souls are ship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North, Who serves my Father all Christly souls are

POSTLUDE

Postlude in G Major

Christian Cappelen