St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church
Pro-Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island
Clinton & Montague Streets | Brooklyn Heights

Holy Eucharist
Second Sunday of Advent
Parish Annual Meeting
December 4, 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 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 all God’s people in our community, our nation and the world. We are so glad you have joined us for worship!

While the Covid-19 pandemic persists, we remain committed to protecting ourselves and the members of our community at St. Ann & the Holy Trinity. In light of the current public health guidance, we have instituted a mask-optional policy for parishioners and visitors and we encourage the following while on church grounds:

- Please continue to wear a mask if you feel that is best for you and others. (Masks are available for individuals who need them.)
- If you choose not to wear a mask, kindly honor those who do by maintaining a safe social distance.
- Those who have recently tested positive for Covid-19, have Covid-like symptoms, or have been in contact with someone who does, are asked not to attend in-person worship.

We will continue to monitor public health recommendations and inform our community of any updates to our masking policy. Thank you for your cooperation!

Celebrant The Rev. Elise A. Hanley
Preacher The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro
Gospeller The Rev. Canon Marie A. Tatro
Lay Eucharistic Minister Scott Parker
Crucifer David Cowan
Reader Zack Pope
Affirmation of Faith Grace VanAlstyne, Lucy VanAlstyne
Intercessor Philton Lewis-Thomas
Usher Anthony Holmes
Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Cantor Bridget Hogan
Altar Guild Claudia Barber, Carol Francescani, Margaret Victor, Nancy Nicolette, Gloria Goodman
Livestream Director Carlos Ponce
PRELUDE  Fugato on *Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele*  J. S. Bach

*All stand as the altar party enters in procession.*

INVOCATION  sung by the cantor  “*O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light*”

O heavenly Word, eternal Light,
begotten of the Father’s might,
who in these latter days wast born
for blessing to a world forlorn.

Pour light upon us from above,
and fire our hearts with ardent love,
that, as we hear thy truth today,
all wrong desires may burn away.

O let us not, for evil past,
be driven from thy face at last,
but with thy saints for evermore
behold thee, love thee, and adore.

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, ever One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Celebrant*  Our Savior now draws near:

*People*  O come, let us adore him.

*Celebrant*  Come and save us, God of mercy and peace:

*People*  Show us the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

*Celebrant*  Lord, grant us your light, that we, being free from the darkness of our hearts, may come to the true light which is Christ.

*People*  Amen.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING RITE

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be God’s reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Let us pray together.

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.

TRISAGION

The Hymnal 1982, #S-100

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People

Amen.
The people sit.

THE LESSON Romans 15:4–7; 13

Reader    A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader    Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People    Thanks be to God.

HYMN The Hymnal 1982, #65

1 Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
2 He brings God’s rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior’s rule embrace.

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy a bounding.
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.

Refrain

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God’s most holy name.
THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1–12

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro

The people stand.

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, to reveal our own brightness. 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!

ADVENT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant As we prepare for Jesus to come among us, let us offer prayers to God.

Intercessor For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, William, and Daniel, our Bishops, and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor For all we hold dear and all of life’s blessings, with thankful hearts, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

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Intercessor  For refugees, for the sick and suffering, for the hungry and oppressed, and for those in prison, we pray to you, O Lord:

People  Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor  For those who have died and dwell with the saints in heaven, we pray to you, O Lord:

People  Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor  Joining our voices with Mary the Godbearer and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to Christ our Lord:

People  To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant  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.

People  Amen.

CONFESSION

Celebrant  Now let us ask for God’s forgiveness.

People  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.

People  Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant  The peace of Christ be always with you.

People  And also with you.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
PRESENTATION HYMN

1. People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.

3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledgling time has chosen.

4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.

5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

1. People, look East and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.

2. People, look East and sing today: Love the rose is on the way.

3. People, look East and sing today: Love the bird is on the way.

4. People, look East and sing today: Love the star is on the way.

5. People, look East and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 proceeds

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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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, #S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
The Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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,

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 for ever. Amen.

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.
MUSIC MEDITATION  sung by the cantor

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

People    Loving God, we thank you for feeding us with the food and drink 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 of Christ. Amen.

ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS RESUMES

The annual meeting ends with the blessing and dismissal.

BLESSING

Celebrant   May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People     Amen.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant   Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People     Thanks be to God.