

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 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 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!

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| 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

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly 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.**

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

WLP, #724



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

The Hymnal 1982, #S-149

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The musical score is written on ten staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases ending in a double bar line.

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.