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

HOLY EUCHARIST
Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022
11:15 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!

Celebrant The Rev. Dr. Craig D. Townsend
Preacher The Rev. Elise A. Hanley
Lay Eucharistic Minister Mary Johnson
Crucifer Wladimir Lewis-Thomas de Rosier
First Reader Sophie Grindon
Second Reader Harry Johnson
Intercessor Jacqueline de Weever
Ushers Harry Johnson, Gloria Goodman
Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Cantor Amy van Roekel
Altar Guild Claudia Barber, Debbie Mumm, Oreta Beckett, Winifred Murdaugh
Livestream Director Jordan Tricarico
PRELUDE  Cromorne en Taille  Jean-Adam Guilain
(Fourth Suite on the Magnificat)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The people stand and sing.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*The Hymnal 1982, #73*

1. The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks; when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakens.
2. Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.
3. The King shall come when morning dawns and earth’s dark night is past; O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e’er shall last;
4. and let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold, when right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be exalted.
5. The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.
The people stand.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**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.

**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.
Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1–10

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People Thanks be to God.
CANTICLE 15

Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

James 5:7–10

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.
When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”
As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

SERMON The Rev. Elise A. Hanley

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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.

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.

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
OFFERTORY HYMN

1 Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God; comfort those who sit in darkness far and near, calling us to new repentance places plain; let your hearts be true and humble, mourning 'neath their sorrows' load. Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad; tell her that her sins I cover, let the valleys rise to meet him and all flesh shall see the token and her warfare now is over. and the hills bow down to greet him. that the word is never broken.

The Hymnal 1982, #67

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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 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

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, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us and the glory, for ever and ever. 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 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, Father, 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 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.
Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.
RECESSIONAL HYMN

1 Savior of the nations, come! Virgin’s Son, make here your home.
2 Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child of the Virgin undefiled! Marvel now, both
3 Thus on earth the Word appears, gracing his created spheres; hence to death and
4 Come, O Father’s saving Son, who o’er sin the victory won. Boundless shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Mary’s son, eager now his race to run!
hell descends, then the heavenly throne ascends.
kingdom be; grant that we its glories see.

POSTLUDE
Dialogue
(Second Suite on the Magnificat)