

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



HOLY EUCHARIST
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 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. Canon Marie A. Tatro
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Craig D. Townsend
Gospeller	The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro
Assisting Priest	The Rev. Elise A. Hanley
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Carol Francescani
Crucifer	Benjamin Graham
First Reader	Nancy Nicolette
Second Reader	Carol Stone
Intercessor	Benjamin Graham
Usher	Barbara Gonzo
Director of Music	Gregory D'Agostino
Cantor	Richard Holmes
Altar Guild	Claudia Barber, Carol Francescani, Liz Chidder, Donna Evans
Livestream Director	Eleana Donaldson

PRELUDE

Ave Maria

Pietro Yon

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people stand and sing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #68

1 Re - jice! re - jice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

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

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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 7:10–16

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80

Sung to the tune “Kingsfold”

1. **O Shepherd, hear and lead Thy flock,
As lambs, we crave Thy care;
What strength on earth approaches Thine,
What mercies can compare?
Restore to us a saving faith,
The radiance of Thy face
To lighten and reveal the gift
Of Thy redeeming grace.**

2. Our selfish prayers deserve Thy wrath,
Our pride, a sudden burst;
We have but stones to serve as bread,
And tears to quell our thirst.

Restore to us a saving faith,
The radiance of Thy face
To lighten and reveal the gift
Of Thy redeeming grace.

3. Thy lineage, like a vine, once spread
And flourished in the land;
But now the vineyard fails, the fruit
Lies withered in the sand.

Restore to us a saving faith,
The radiance of Thy face
To lighten and reveal the gift
Of Thy redeeming grace.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 1:1–7

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

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #265

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
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 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18–25

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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.

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.

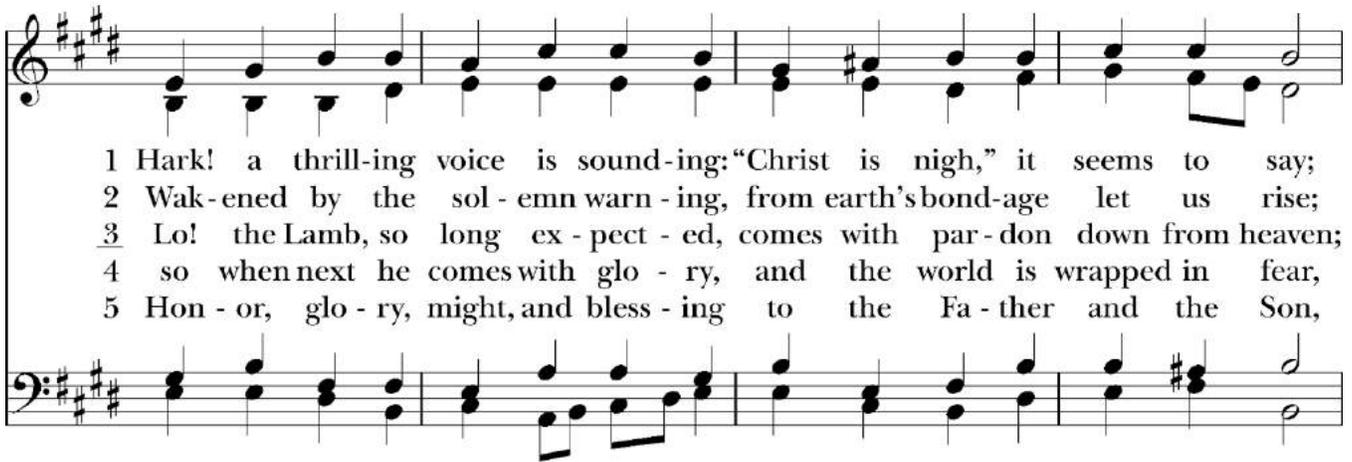
WORD OF WELCOME

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

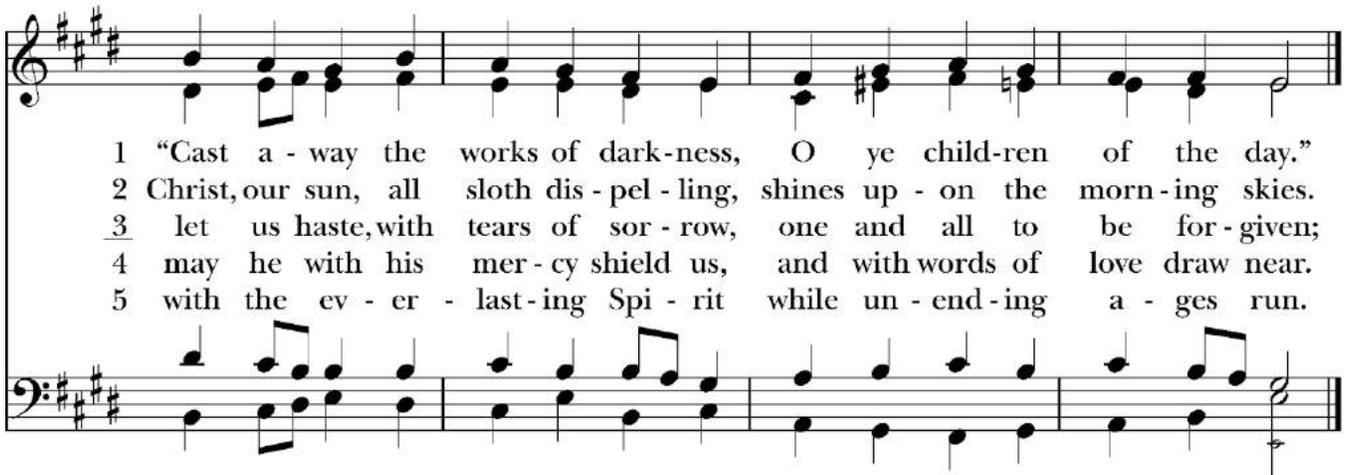
MUSIC MEDITATION

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #59



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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.

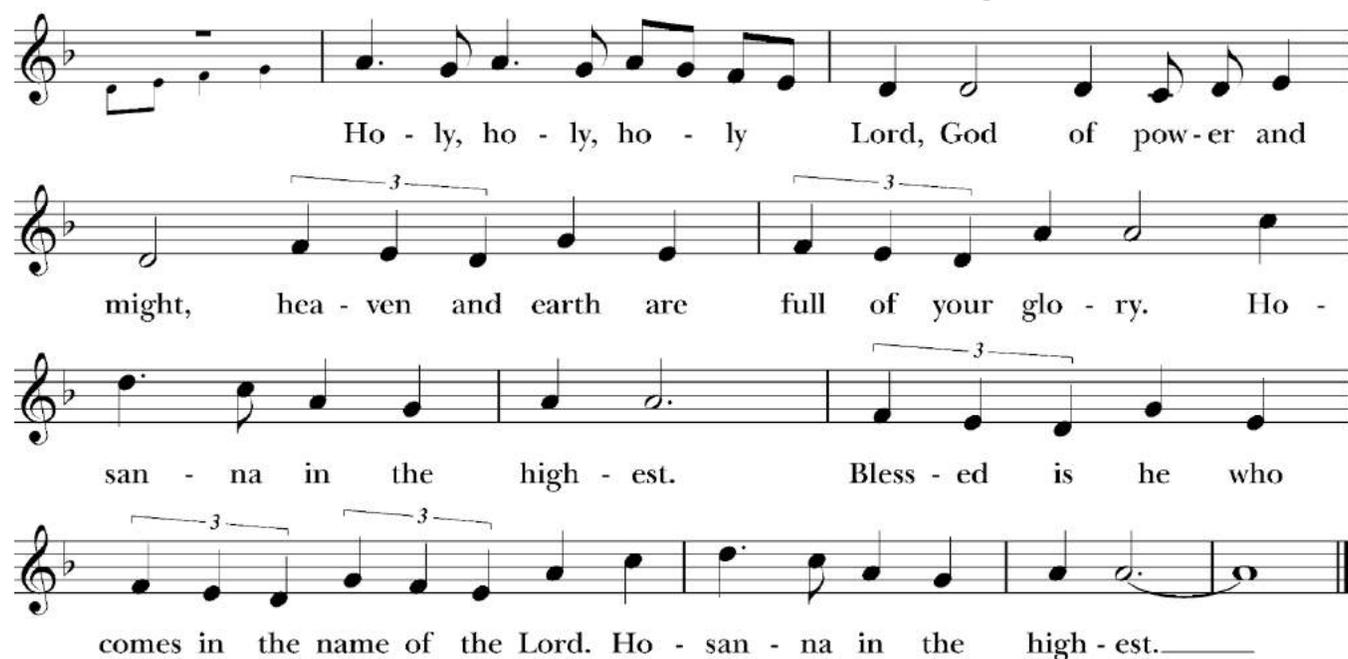
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

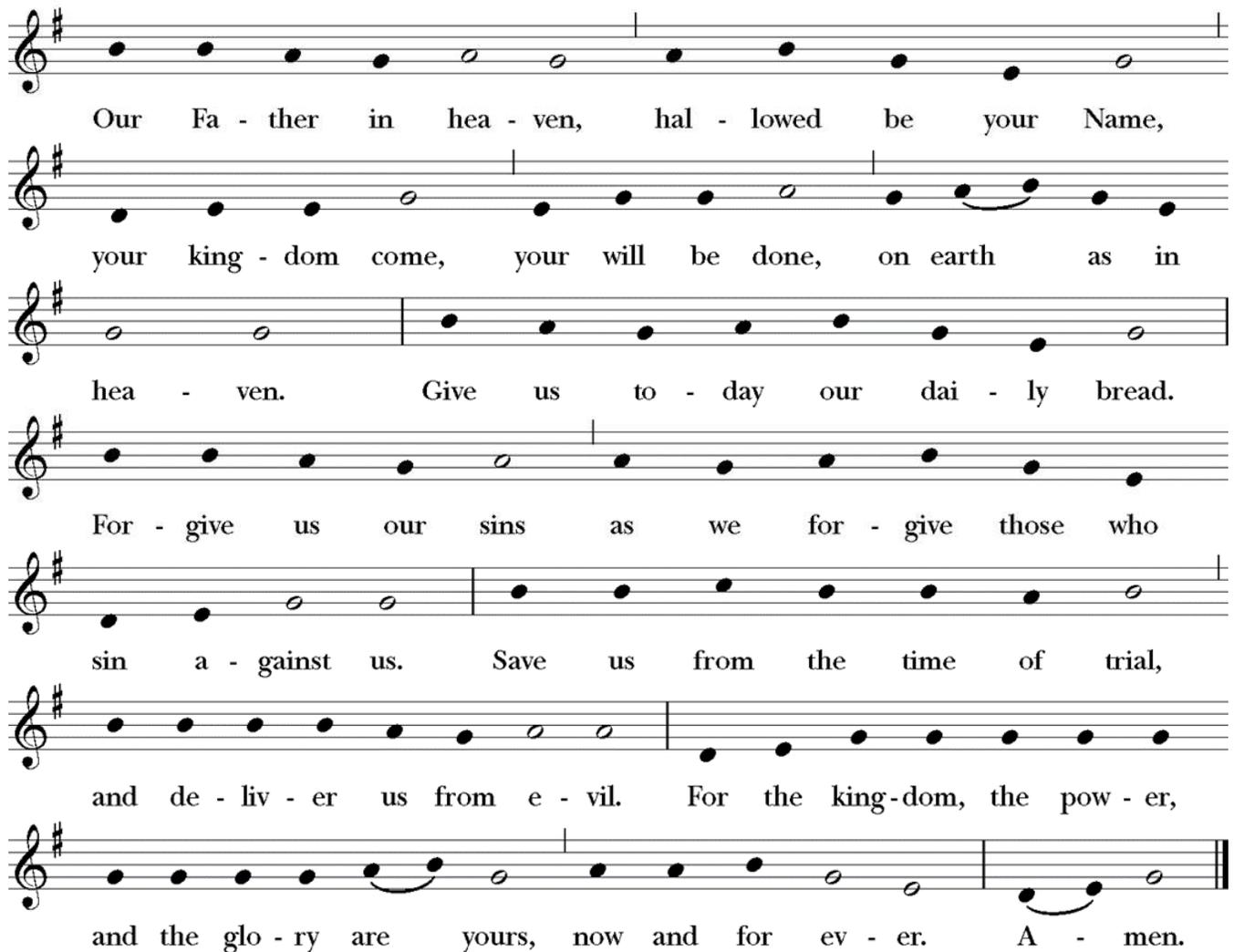
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all 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 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. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and with your people always dwell
who mourn in mortal exile here
until the Lord of Life appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come again and with us ever dwell.

2. O come, O God's revealing Word,
your voice the Hebrew prophets heard.
They saw that one day war will cease,
and all creation be at peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come again and with us ever dwell.

3. O come, O Wisdom from on high
who brings the truth of Adonai.
To us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in your ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come again and with us ever dwell.

4. O come, Incarnate Word revealed.
Your people you both taught and healed.
You trusted Abba's love would save
and so were raised up from the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come again and with us ever dwell.

POSTLUDE

Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele

Justin Heinrich Knecht