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

Festival Holy Eucharist
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2022
8:30 PM
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 & Preacher: The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro
Gospeller: The Rev. Elise A. Hanley
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Wladimir Lewis-Thomas de Rosier
Crucifer: Benjamin Graham
Thurifer: Harry Johnson
First Reader: Jacqueline de Weever
Second Reader: Donna Evans
Intercessor: Claudia Barber
Ushers: Seendy Fouron, Scott Parker
Director of Music: Gregory D’Agostino
Musicians: Joanie Brittingham, soprano
Megan Brunning, alto
Todd Frizzell, tenor
Richard Holmes, bass
Yicheng Gong, French horn
Altar Guild: Claudia Barber, Carol Francescani, Donna Evans, Nancy Nicolette, Liz Chidder
Livestream Director: Jordan Tricarico
**PRELUDE**  
O Holy Night  
*Adolphe Adam*  
arr. *William Simon*

**INTROIT**  
In the bleak midwinter  
*Gustav Holst*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The people stand and sing.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**  
*The Hymnal 1982, #83*

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O
2. God from God, Light from eternal,
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
4. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
5. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,

1. come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
2. lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
3. sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
4. leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5. we would embrace thee, with love and awe;

1. come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
2. only begetten Son of the Father;
3. glory to God, glory in the highest;
4. we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
5. who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

GLORIA

The Hymnal 1982, #96

1. Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
4. See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
   born this happy morning;
   Jesus, to thee be glory given;
   Word of the Father,
   now in flesh appearing;
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
Come, adore on bent knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Gloria

in excelsis Deo.
Gloria

in excelsis Deo.
COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant  God be with you.
People     And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray.
           O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
People     Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON  Isaiah 9:2–7

Reader     A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

PSALM 96  Cantate Domino

The cantor introduces the refrain. The congregation repeats the refrain and sings as indicated thereafter.

Refrain

Mode 5

To-day is born our Sa-vior, Christ the Lord.
Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.  

Refrain

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.  

Refrain

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is King!  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.”
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with his truth.  

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON  

Titus 2:11–14

Reader  A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who
gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #102

1. Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cradle shed,
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall;
We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high; When like

2. He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,
And his Word, the world's creator, cradled there on Christmas Day, Yet this
Feel for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

3. We, like Mary, rest confounded that a stable should display
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above; And he
Leads his children on To the place where he is gone.

4. For he is our life-long pattern; daily when on earth he grew,
And his Word, the world's creator, cradled there on Christmas Day, Yet this
Feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love;
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall; With the
Leads his children on To the place where he is gone.

6. Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed: Mary
Was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Words: J. H. Monk, alt.
Music: F. Bridge

The Hymnal 1982, #102
In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.
THE 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.
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adapted from prayers written by the Rev. Ric Morley

Intercessor Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus. As people came to Bethlehem at the rising of the star that they might greet the Christ-child, so draw us and all your people to you and make us the Church you call us to be.

God of light,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your presence, fill us with your Spirit and renew our commitment to service in your Name.

God of joy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor As shepherds watching their flocks in fields by night responded in wonder to the visit of the angels, draw all who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you.

God of wonder,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor As angels sang ‘Gloria’ to you and proclaimed peace on earth and goodwill among all people, bring us your peace and an end to all terror and strife.

God of peace,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor As people stream to Jesus’ Light, and sovereigns to the brightness of his rising, draw our leaders and all in authority to his brightness.

God of the nations,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor As the Holy Family traveled together to far off lands, bless all families, especially the families of our parish, and protect those who travel.

God of community,

People Hear our prayer.
Intercessor  As Jesus was laid in a manger with no room in the inn, be present with those who have nowhere to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, those who are hungry, and those who are sick.
God of mercy,

People  Hear our prayer.

Intercessor  As your Son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins and the hope of the resurrection, give to the departed eternal rest and let light perpetual shine on them.
God of new life,

People  Hear our prayer.

Celebrant  O Lord our God, may the light and hope of this day, and of your Son’s incarnation, assure us of your presence among us even to the end of the age. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth we pray.

People  Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant  The peace of Christ be always with you.

People  And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM  Noël Nouvelet  French traditional carol
arr. John Rutter
OFFERTORY HYMN

1 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye, who sang creation's story,

2 Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with you is now residing;

3 Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar; seek the great Desire of nations; hope and fear, suddenly the Lord, descending,

4 Saints before the altar bending, watching long in

Refrain

now proclaim Messiah's birth: come and worship, yonder shines the infant Light: come and worship,
ye have seen his natal star: come and worship, in his temple shall appear: worship Christ, the newborn King.
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 truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

The Hymnal 1982, #S-129

Holy, 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. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Then the Celebrant continues.

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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.”

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ’s resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ’s coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.
All We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Mary the Godbearer, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Ann and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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 forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!
FRACTION ANTHEM

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM  Still, still, still  Austrian traditional carol
arr. Janet L. Janzen

COMMUNION HYMN  The Hymnal 1982, #111
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant  Let us pray.

People  Eternal God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Celebrant  May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of holiness.

People  Amen.

Celebrant  May God, who sent the angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior’s birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

People  Amen.

Celebrant  May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you peace.

People  Amen.

Celebrant  And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People  Amen.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant  Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People  Thanks be to God.
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!
Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die.

Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconcile!
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

POSTLUDE A Merry Christmas English traditional canticle
Bernard Dewagtere
Christmas Flowers & Music Offerings

Given by Carol Francescani in memory of Charles Francescani

Given by Claudia Barber in memory of Paul Barber, Caroline & Harold Seymour, Pauline & John Barber, and in thanksgiving for Andrew, Amy, Samuel & Louisa Barber, Peter, Meredith, Dylan & Tyler Barber, and family and friends

Given by Nancy Nicolette in memory of Charles Francescani and Terry Randazzo

Given by Oreta Beckett in memory of Carl Beckett, Mr. & Mrs. Caverel Williams

Given by Gloria Goodman in thanksgiving for Nigel Goodman, Karen Goodman & Kendrick Goodman

Given by Joshua Sessions in memory of Linda Briggs Larson

Given by Halley & Nathan Taylor in thanksgiving for Persephone Iris Taylor & Raija Harriet Taylor

Given by Winifred N. Murdagh in memory of Verna & Norman Neblett; Larry & Laurence Murdaugh, Norma Clinton, and grandparents

Given by Barbara Gonzo in memory of Evie Gordon

Given by Karen Smith in memory of Charles P. Smith

Given by Jacqueline de Weever in thanksgiving for all the blessings of life

Given by Donna Lalwani in thanksgiving for the Podhayny, Kalecik, Zrinski, Lalwani & Gera families

Given by Wladimir and Philton Lewis-Thomas de Rosier in memory of Muriel Bennett, mother of Philton; Dieudonne Dejean de Jean-Rosier, grandmother of Wladimir; Patrick St. Felix, brother of Wladimir; and Dora Marcus, friend of Wladimir and Philton

Given by Elise Roecker in memory of Raymond H. Roecker, Jr., Lewis and Virginia Marks, Philip and Mary Morici, and Helen Gadsby

Given by Dorrit Walsh and the St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church family in memory of Terry Randazzo
Given by The Rev. Elise Hanley and Chris Ashley in memory of William Hanley, and in thanksgiving for the St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church Community

Given by Carol Stone in memory of Christine Giangreco

Given by Debbie and Larry Mumm in thanksgiving for the birth of Astrid Kim Mumm and the marriage of Laura Mumm and Craig Kennedy


Given by Fred McKechnie in memory of Mary & Fred McKechnie, Jr.

Given by Roger Wieber in memory of deceased loved ones