The Beatitudes, by Joseph Matar, 1997

HOLY EUCHARIST
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29, 2023
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. Elise A. Hanley
Preacher The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro
Lay Eucharistic Minister Wladimir Lewis-Thomas de Rosier
Crucifer Benjamin Graham
First Reader Barbara Gonzo
Second Reader Paul Donahue
Intercessor Carol Francescani
Usher Barbara Gonzo
Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Cantor Todd Frizzell
Altar Guild Carol Francescani, Liz Chidder, Winifred Murdaugh, Nancy Nicolette
Livestream Director Carlos Ponce
PRELUDE  Meditation-Prière in E minor  Alexandre Guilmant

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people stand and sing.

PROCESIONAL HYMN  The Hymnal 1982 #616

1 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son!
2 He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
3 He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring;
5 O’er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
2 to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth:
4 all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;
5 from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest:

1 He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
2 to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
3 before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
4 to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
5 the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;

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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, #S-278
COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant  God be with you.
People   And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
People   Amen.

The people are seated.
THE FIRST LESSON

Micah 6:1–8

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Micah.

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

Domine, quis habitabit?
He does not give his money in hope of gain, *  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.  

Whoever does these things *  
shall never be overthrown.

THE SECOND LESSON  

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
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

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds the following collect:

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, #542

1 Christ is the world’s true Light, its Captain of salvation,
2 In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
3 One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee;

the Day-star clear and bright of every race and nation;
the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting;
cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;

new life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway:
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall forsake their fear;
the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;

freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.
to plough-share beat the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.
to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior. 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-128

 Sanctus & Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 

Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Then the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All  We remember Christ’s death,
     We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,
     We await Christ’s coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary the Godbearer, St. Ann and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. 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.

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 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.

BLESSING

Celebrant May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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.
RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Make known his mighty deeds, his arm has done;
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.

tender to me the promise of his word;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord.

in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
his holy Name— the Lord, the Mighty One.
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
to children’s children and for evermore!

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C Major

Christian Cappelen