Sermon on the Mount, by Laura James, 2010
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 John E. Denaro
Preacher    The Rev. Elise A. Hanley
Lay Eucharistic Minister Carol Francescani
Crucifer    Sophie Grindon
First Reader Claudia Barber
Second Reader Sophie Grindon
Intercessor Carol Stone
Usher       Timothy Taylor
Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Cantor     Amy van Roekel
Altar Guild Carol Francescani, Oreta Beckett, Gloria Goodman, Winifred Murdaugh
Livestream Director Jordan Tricarico
PREFLUELDE  Adoration  Florence Price

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people stand and sing.

PROCESIONAL HYMN

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1 Creator Spirit, by whose aid the world’s found-
dations first were laid, come, visit every humble
promised Paraclete, thrice holy Fount, thrice holy
sevenfold energy; make us eternal truth re-

mind; come, pour thy joys on human-kind; from sin and
Fire, our hearts with heavenly love inspire; come, and thy
receive, and practice all that we believe; give us thy

sorrow set us free, and make thy temples worthy thee.
sacred unction bring to sanctify us while we sing,
selves, that we may see the Father and the Son by thee.
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

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1. Glory to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant  God be with you.
People          And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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    Sirach 15:15–20

Reader     A Reading from the Book of Sirach.

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Reader     Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People          Thanks be to God.
PSALM 119:1–8

Happy are they whose way is blameless, * 
who walk in the law of the Lord!
Happy are they who observe his decrees * 
and seek him with all their hearts!
Who never do any wrong, * 
but always walk in his ways.
You laid down your commandments, * 
that we should fully keep them.
Oh, that my ways were made so direct * 
that I might keep your statutes!
Then I should not be put to shame, * 
when I regard all your commandments.
I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, * 
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
I will keep your statutes; * 
do not utterly forsake me.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

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

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.
The people stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

1 Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to
hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teachings
pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness
shrouded, till thy Spirit breaks our night
with the beams of truth unclouded; thou alone to help us by thy Spirit’s pleading. Hear the cry thy
God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.

3 Gracious Lord, thyself impart! Light of Light, from God pro-
ceeding, open thou our ears and heart,
now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teachings
Church upraises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.
“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Gospeller
The Gospel of the Lord.

People
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.
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

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for
2 I come with Christians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 Togetherness, together bound, we'll

1 given, loved, and free, in awe and wonder
2 find, as all are fed, the new community
3 proud division ends. That love that made us
4 presence, always near, is in such friendship
5 go our different ways, and as his people

1 to recall his life laid down for me.
2 of love in Christ’s communion bread.
3 makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
4 better known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we’ll live and speak his praise.

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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 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  

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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 for ever. 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

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1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the

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NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

We continue our celebration of African-American History Month with a prelude by composer, Florence Price (1887-1953). Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Price was a trail-blazer as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra (her Symphony in E minor was premiered by the Chicago Symphony in 1933). She attended the New England Conservatory of Music but had to pretend she was Mexican in order to do so. Price served as head of the music department at Clark University in Massachusetts. Her compositions - more than three hundred including 4 symphonies; concertos; choral and chamber music; solo works for piano, organ, and violin - reflect her American and Southern roots; she was a devout Christian and frequently used the music of the African-American church as a source of inspiration.

--Gregory D'Agostino, DMA