HOLY EUCHARIST
First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 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. Canon John E. Denaro
Preacher The Rev. Dr. Craig D. Townsend
Lay Eucharistic Minister Scott Parker
Crucifer Wladimir Lewis-Thomas de Rosier
First Reader Philton Lewis-Thomas
Second Reader Barbara Gonzo
Intercessor Scott Parker
Usher Barbara Gonzo
Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Cantor Todd Frizzell
Altar Guild Carol Francescani, Liz Chidder, Debbie Mumm
Livestream Director Eleana Donaldson
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE GREAT LITANY

Officiant Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
People Have mercy on us.

Officiant Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
People Have mercy on us.

Officiant Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
People Have mercy on us.

Officiant Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,
People Have mercy on us.

Officiant From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,
People Savior deliver us.

Officiant From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,
People Savior deliver us.

Officiant From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,
People Savior deliver us.

Officiant From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,
People Savior deliver us.

Officiant In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,
People Savior deliver us.

Officiant By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
People Savior deliver us.
By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign, Savior deliver us.

Officiant  By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,
People Savior deliver us.

Officiant  By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
People Savior deliver us.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

Officiant  Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.
People Hear us, O Christ.

Officiant  Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.
People Hear us, O Christ.

Officiant  Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.
People Hear us, O Christ.

Officiant  Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.
People Hear us, O Christ.

Officiant  Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.
People Hear us, O Christ.

Officiant  Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.
People Hear us, O Christ.
Officiant: Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

People: *Hear us, O Christ.*

Officiant: Give your wisdom and strength to the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, and the Mayor of this city that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

People: *Hear us, O Christ.*

Officiant: Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President’s Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

People: *Hear us, O Christ.*

Officiant: Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

People: *Hear us, O Christ.*

Officiant: Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

People: *Hear us, O Christ.*

Officiant: Bless and keep all your people,

People: *Hear us, O Christ.*

Officiant: Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

People: *Hear us, O Christ.*

Officiant: Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

People: *Hear us, O Christ.*

Officiant: Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

People: *Hear us, O Christ.*

Officiant: Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

People: *Hear us, O Christ.*

Officiant: Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

People: *Hear us, O Christ.*

Officiant: Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

People: *Hear us, O Christ.*
COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON \ Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”
Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

**PSALM 32**

The cantor introduces the refrain. The congregation repeats the refrain twice, then sings as indicated thereafter.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.  

Refain
Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.    
Refrain
“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.”
Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.    
Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON

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

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one
trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these
stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, Lawrence, William, Geralyn and Daniel; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. Silence.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. Silence.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. Silence.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God. Silence.

I ask your prayers for the people of this church and community. Silence.

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. Silence.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. Silence.
Celebrant  Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifullly accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do
your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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, #688

1 A might y for tress is our God, a bul wark nev er
2 Did we in our own strength con fide, our striv ing would be
3 And though this world, with dev ils filled, should threat en to un
4 That word a bove all earth ly powers, no thanks to them, a
failing; our helper he amid the flood
losing; were not the right man on our side,
do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
bideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours

of mortal ills prevailing: for still our ancient foe
the man of God’s own choosing: dost ask who that may be?
his truth to triumph through us; the prince of darkness grim,
through him who with us sideth: let goods and kinsbred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabbath his Name,
we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure,
this mortal life also; the body they may kill:

and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
for lo! his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.
God’s truth abideth still, his kingdom is for ever.
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2

Celebrant  The Lord 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.
Celebrant  We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS  The Hymnal 1982, #S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven 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.
The Celebrant continues.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary the Godbearer, St. Ann and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, 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. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

MUSIC MEDITATION

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. At St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church, our common practice is to receive the bread in outstretched hands and drink from the cup. Intinction (dipping the bread into the cup) is not permitted. 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 a priest will offer a blessing. When a priest is available, prayers for healing will also be offered.

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, O God, 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.

SOLEMN PRAYER & DISMISSAL

Celebrant Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People Amen.
Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #559

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth before us; heavenly joy; love with every passion blending,

2 Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness for we have no help but thee, yet possessing thou didst feel its keenest woe; yet unfearing, pleasure that can never cloy; thus provided,

3 Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with every blessing, if our God our Father be. persevering, to thy passion thou didst go. pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.