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

Nicodemus, by Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1899

HOLY EUCHARIST
Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 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. Dr. Craig D. Townsend
Preacher Jared VanAlstyne
Assisting Priests The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro
The Rev. Elise A. Hanley
Lay Eucharistic Minister Harry Johnson
Crucifer Wladimir Lewis-Thomas de Rosier
First Reader Timothy Dwyer
Second Reader Sophie Grindon
Intercessor Nancy Nicolette
Usher Timothy Dwyer
Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Cantor Amy van Roekel
Altar Guild Claudia Barber, Donna Evans, Debbie Mumm
Livestream Director Jordan Tricarico
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people stand and sing.

PROCENSIONAL HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #401

1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
2 He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
5 The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;

1 Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on eagle-wings upborne, to heaven ascend;
3 triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Holy, holy, holy," cry, "Almighty King!"
5 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed;
2 we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore;
3 on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:
5 hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People His mercy endures for ever.
Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.
COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON  

Genesis 12:1–4a

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People Thanks be to God.
PSALM 121

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

**Refrain**

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

**Refrain**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

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

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For
this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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SEQUENCE HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #603

1 When Christ was lifted from the earth, his arms stretched out above through every culture,
every birth, to draw an answering love.

2 Still east and west his love extends and always, near or far, he calls and claims us as his friends and loves us as we are.

3 Where generation, class, or race divides us to our shame, he sees not labels but a face, a person, and a name.

4 Thus freely loved, though fully known, may in Christ be free to welcome and accept his own as Christ accepted me.
Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to
Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has
come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the
presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the
kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him,
“How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time
into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no
one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What
is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be
astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows
where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it
comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”
Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are
you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I
tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do
not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not
believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has
ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of
Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son
of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God
so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in
him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son
into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved
through him.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON Jared VanAlstyne

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 BCP, Form II

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.
Intercessor

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

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you with give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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, #337

1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love that
2 Look Father, look on his anointed face, and
*3 And then for those, our dearest and our best, by
*4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most
bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree, and having with us
only look on us as found in him; look not on our mis-
this prevailing presence we appeal; O fold them closer
patient Savior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads above, we here present, we here spread
usings of thy grace, our prayer so languid, and our
to thy mercy's breast! O do thine utmost for their
awesome and so sweet, deliver us from every

forth to thee, that only offering perfect in thine
faith so dim: for lo! between our sins and their re-
soul's true weal! From tainting mischief keep them pure and
touch of ill: in thine own service make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.
ward, we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.
clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.
free, and grant us never more to part from thee.
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.
San - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
San - na in the high - est. 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.

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.

Music Meditation
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  Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that
relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld
by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.
People  Amen.
Celebrant  Let us bless the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.
NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
During Lent our preludes and postludes take on a more solemn, contemplative tone. In that spirit, this morning's prelude is titled Prière, which is the French word for 'prayer.' It is found in the collection entitled In Memoriam. In addition to its appropriateness for the liturgical season, it also celebrates the woman who composed it - Hedwige Chrétien - as this is the first Sunday of Women's History Month. Chrétien, born in Compiègne, France on July 15, 1859, was a composer who studied at the famed Paris Conservatoire (where one of her teachers was César Franck) winning first prize in harmony, counterpoint, fugue, and piano in 1881. Eight years later she was appointed professor at the Conservatoire. She composed a significant number of works - about 150 including two ballets, two one-act operas, instrumental solo and chamber music, orchestral music, and songs for voice and piano. Alas, little is known about her life. Chrétien died on New Year's Day, 1944.

–Gregory D’Agostino, DMA