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

Jesus cures the man born blind, by JESUS MAFA, 1973

HOLY EUCHARIST
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 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
Kate Kelly

Gospeller
The Rev. Dr. Craig D. Townsend

Assisting Priests
The Rev. Canon Marie A. Tatro
The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro

Lay Eucharistic Minister
Scott Parker

Crucifer
Harry Johnson

First Reader
Debbie Mumm

Second Reader
Carol Francescani

Intercessor
Donna Evans

Ushers
Donna Evans, Suzan Frazier

Director of Music
Gregory D’Agostino

Cantor
Bridget Hogan

Altar Guild
Claudia Barber, Donna Evans, Debbie Mumm

Livestream Director
Jordan Tricarico
PRELUDE

Erbarm’ dich mein, O Herre Gott
(BWV 721)

J. S. Bach

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people stand and sing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #143

PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
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.

KYRIE ELEISON

The Hymnal 1982, #S-95

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The people are seated.
The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.
PSALM 23  

Dominus regit me

Refrain

The Lord is my shepherd; *  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *  
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.  

Refrain

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; *  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.  

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON  

Ephesians 5:8–14

Reader  
A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People  
Thanks be to God.

The people stand.
1. My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name; in pastures fresh be all my days; oh, may thy house be

2. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence porting breath drives all my fears away, mine abode and all my work be praise.

3. The sure provisions of my God attend me makes me feed beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back when I for- Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my There would I find a settled rest, while others sake his ways, and leads me, for his table spread; my cup with blessings go and come; no more a stranger flows, thy oil anoints my head, or a guest, but like a child at home.
As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He...
answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.

Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.


*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*The preacher invites the people to be seated.*

**SERMON**

Kate Kelly

*The people stand.*
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.

I 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: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, #671

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

2 Grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace of God which first so richly blessed me appear the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.
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.

The Celebrant proceeds

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

[Music notation for the Sanctus and Benedictus hymn]
Then 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

Barry McLeod

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Celebrant Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who stand before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.
People Amen.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Celebrant The blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you this day and remain with you always.
People Amen.
Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #690

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this
2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing
3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious

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POSTLUDE  Prelude and Fugue in E minor  
(BWV 555)

All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee hour and fellowship.