HOLY EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 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!

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, mask-wearing is optional, and we encourage the following:

- Please continue to wear a mask if you feel that is best for you and others.
- 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.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Celebrant The Rev. Elise A. Hanley
Preacher The Rev. Pamela Conrad
Gospeller The Rev. Canon Marie A. Tatro
Assisting Priest The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro
Lay Eucharistic Minister Wladimir Lewis-Thomas de Rosier
Crucifer Harry Johnson
First Reader Nancy Nicolette
Second Reader Sophie Grindon
Intercessor Margaret Victor
Ushers Anthony Holmes, Timothy Taylor
Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Choir Amy van Roekel, soprano
Bridget Hogan, alto
Todd Frizzell, tenor
Richard Holmes, bass
Altar Guild Oreta Beckett, Carol Francescani, Nancy Nicolette
Livestream Director Eleana Donaldson
Prelude on St. Columba  
Charles Villiers Stanford

The Hymnal 1982, #391

PROCESIONAL HYMN

1 Before the Lord's eternal throne, ye nations, bow with sacred joy; know that the Lord is God alone; he can create, and he destroy.
2 His sovereign Power with us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wandering sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
3 We are his people, we his care, our souls, and all our mortal frame: what lasting honors shall we rear, almighty Maker, to thy Name?
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs, high as the heavens our voices raise; and earth, with her ten thousand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.
5 Wide as the world is thy command, vast truth must stand, when rolling years shall cease to move.
**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Celebrant  Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People    The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**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-280*
COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 2:42–47

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People Thanks be to God.
PSALM 23

The cantor introduces the refrain. The congregation repeats the refrain and sings as indicated thereafter.

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.

Refrain

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

Refrain

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.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:19–25

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.
Gospeller   The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People    Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the
sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

The preacher invites the people to be seated.

SERMON       The Rev. Pamela Conrad

HOLY BAPTISM

Candidate    Persephone Iris Taylor
Parents      Halley Keppo Potter Taylor & Nathan Michael Potter Taylor
Sister       Raija Harriet Taylor
Godparents   Margo Kulkarni, Jenniffer Willis, & Léon Willis II

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant   The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents &    I present Persephone Iris Taylor to receive the Sacrament of
Godparents  Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents:

Celebrant    Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents &    I will, with God’s help.
Godparents
Celebrant    Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents &    I will, with God’s help.
Godparents
The following questions are asked of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child:

**Question**  Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Answer**  I renounce them.

**Question**  Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Answer**  I renounce them.

**Question**  Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Answer**  I renounce them.

**Question**  Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**Answer**  I do.

**Question**  Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Answer**  I do.

**Question**  Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Answer**  I do.

The Celebrant now addresses the whole congregation, saying:

**Celebrant**  Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in a life in Christ?

**People**  We will.

**Celebrant**  Let us join with this person in committing ourselves to Christ by renewing our own baptismal covenant.

**THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

**Celebrant**  Do you believe in God the Father?

**People**  I believe in one God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**Celebrant**  Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People**  I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. 
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God’s help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor  Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People     Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People     Lord, hear our prayer.
Celebrant  Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People    And also with you.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People    It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water:

Celebrant Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.
THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant pours the water on the Candidate, saying:

Celebrant: Persephone Iris Taylor, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

The Celebrant marks a Cross on the Candidate’s forehead, with the Oil of Chrism, saying:

Celebrant Persephone Iris Taylor, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism, and marked as Christ’s own, for ever.

People Amen.

The Baptismal Candle is presented to the newly baptized, as the Celebrant says:

Celebrant May Christ, the true Light who enlightens everyone that comes to him, shine in your heart that you may clearly see the path to life eternal.

People Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

WORD OF WELCOME

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.
2. We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace, in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.
3. Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.
4. Lord, sup with us in love divine thy Body heavenly wine, be our immortal food.
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 3

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  All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS  The Hymnal 1982, #S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Then the Celebrant continues.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**All**

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Mary the Godbearer, St. Ann and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**All**

Blessed are you 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. 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. 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.
MUSIC MEDITATION

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

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.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Celebrant  May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children
through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the
riches of his blessing.

People  Amen.

Celebrant  May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin
into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with
Christ for ever.

People  Amen.

Celebrant  May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and
lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal
inheritance.

People  Amen.

Celebrant  And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever and ever.

People  Amen.

Celebrant  Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People  Thanks be to God. Alleluia! alleluia!
RECESSIONAL HYMN

1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, worship, thanks, devotion; one voice hearing, ears attentive to your word;
2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing, lost and lonely, and living in your Spirit, strong and free.
3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving, we go forth a

Christ, your cross and passion sharing, by this Eucharist declaring yours the final victory.
by your Blood new life receiving, in your Body, firm believing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
Partners in your new creation, seeking peace in every nation, may we faithful followers be.

POSTLUDE

The heavens declare

Benedetto Marcello
(arr. Dubois)

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