St. Ann & The Holy Trinity Church
Pro-Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island
Clinton & Montague Streets | Brooklyn Heights

The Unforgiving Servant, by Kazakhstan Artist Nelly Bube

Holy Eucharist
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023
11:15 AM
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. Canon John E. Denaro  
**Lay Eucharistic Minister** Sophie Grindon  
**Crucifer** Benjamin Graham  
**First Reader** Claudia Barber  
**Second Reader** Philton Lewis-Thomas de Rosier  
**Intercessor** Carol Stone  
**Ushers** Timothy Taylor  
Christina Rouner  
**Director of Music** Gregory D’Agostino  
**Choir** Amy van Roekel, soprano  
Bridget Hogan, alto  
Todd Frizzell, tenor  
Simon Riker, bass  
**Altar Guild** Claudia Barber  
Oreta Beckett  
Carol Francescani  
**Livestream Director** Jordan Tricarico
1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
2 Praise to the Lord; O ver all things he glorious is
3 Praise to the Lord, who dost prosper thy way and deal on earth
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore thee!

The Hymnal 1982, #390
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.

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_Celebrant_ God be with you.
_People_ And also with you.
_Celebrant_ Let us pray.

_O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever._

_People_ Amen.
THE FIRST LESSON  

Genesis 50:15–21

Reader   A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

PSALM 103:8–13  

Benedic, anima mea

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;   

Refrain
He satisfies you with good things, *  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.
The Lord executes righteousness *  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
He made his ways known to Moses *  
and his works to the children of Israel.
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Refrain

He will not always accuse us, *  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, *  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west, *  
so far has he removed our sins from us.
As a father cares for his children, *  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON  Romans 14:1–12

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day,
observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

1 “For give our sins as we for give” you
2 How can your pardon reach and bless the
3 In blazing light your cross reveals the
4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you alone can
un forgiving heart that broods on wrongs and
truth we dimly knew, how small the debts men
bid resentment cease; then, reconciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.
will not let old bitterness depart?
owe to us, how great our debt to you.
God and man, our lives will spread your peace.
Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The preacher invites the people to be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro
The people stand.
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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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Over the course of each silence, 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 him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. 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.

The Celebrant concludes

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 we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

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

OFFERENTORY SENTENCE

OFFERENTORY ANTHEM

O God, be merciful

Christopher Tye

OFFERENTORY HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #478

1Jesus, our mighty Lord, our strength in sadness,
2Good shepherd of your sheep, your own defending,
3Glorious their life who sing, with glad thanksgiving,

the Father’s conquering Word, true source of gladness;
in love your children keep to life unending;
true hymns to Christ the King in all their living:

your Name we glorify, O Jesus, throned on high;
You are yourself the Way: lead us then day by day
all who confess his Name, come then with hearts aflame;

you gave yourself to die for our salvation.
in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most holy.
the God of peace acclaim as Lord and Savior.
God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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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LEVAS II, #255
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.
The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 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.
COMMUNION ANTHEM
Bless the Lord, O my soul

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
(Adapted from the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada)

Celebrant  Let us pray.

People

Gracious God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who share his body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Celebrant  Go in peace to do what God wills, follow where Christ calls,
embodying the gifts of the Spirit; and may the blessing of God the
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer rest on you and remain with you
now and always.

People

Amen.

Celebrant  Let us bless the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.
RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #334

1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, worship, thanks, de-
2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing, lost and lonely,
3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving, we go forth a-

vo-tion voicing; glory be to God on high!
one voice hearing, ears attentive to your word;
lert and living in your Spirit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and passion sharing, by this Eu-
by your Blood new life receiving, in your Body,
Partners in your new creation, seeking peace in

Christ declaring yours the final victory.
firm believing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
every nation, may we faithful followers be.

POSTLUDE Voluntary in D Major G. F. Handel

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