The Workers in the Vineyard, by Kazakhstan Artist Nelly Bube

Holy Eucharist
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 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. Canon John E. Denaro
Preacher The Rev. Canon Marie A. Tatro
Lay Eucharistic Minister Carol Francescani
Crucifer Sophie Grindon
First Reader Sophie Grindon
Second Reader Paul Donahue
Intercessor Seendy Fouron
Ushers Donna Evans
Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Choir Amy van Roekel, soprano
Bridget Hogan, alto
Todd Frizzell, tenor
Richard Holmes, bass
Altar Guild Donna Evans
Winifred Murdaugh
Nancy Nicolette
Livestream Director Carlos Ponce
1 God, my King, thy might confessing, ever will I 
2 Honor great our God befitting; who his majes-
3 They shall talk of all thy glory, on thy might and 
4 Nor shall fail from memory's treasure works by love and 
5 Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger,

1 bless thy Name; day by day thy throne address, 
2 ty can reach? Age to age his works transmit, 
3 great-ness dwell, speak of thy dread acts the story, 
4 mer - cy wrought, works of love surpassing measure, 
5 vast in love, God is good to all creation;

1 still will I thy praise proclaim. 
2 age to age his power shall teach. 
3 and thy deeds of wonder tell. 
4 works of mer - cy passing thought. 
5 all his works his goodness prove.

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; 
thee shall all thy saints adore: 
King supreme shall they confess thee, 
and proclaim thy sovereign power.
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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant  God be with you.
People   And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray.
Celebrant  Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
People   Amen.
Reader A Reading from the Prophet Jonah.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.
PSALM 145:1–8

Exaltabo te, Deus

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

Mode 2

I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness. Refrain
One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness. Refrain
They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness. Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:21–30

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

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. For he has
graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #470

1 There’s a wide-ness in God’s mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth’s sor-row is more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broa-der than the mea-sure of the mind;

there’s a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
there is no place where earth’s fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more gra-ces for the good;
There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer-cy with the Sa-vior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem-ber-s in the sor-row of the Head.
and our life would be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the Lord.
THE HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeller  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Gospeller  The Gospel of the Lord.

People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The preacher invites the people to be seated.

SERMON  The Rev. Canon Marie A. Tatro

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,  
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.
Intercessor  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.

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.
OFFERTORY HYMN

I will magnify Thee

George Vail

The Hymnal 1982, #411

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!
3 He will not always chide; he will with patience wait;
4 He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!
2 Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 His wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.
4 He healeth thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.
5 And like the eagle he reneweth the vigor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
   whose grace hath made thee whole,
   whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
   O bless the Lord, my soul!
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: God 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: 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

LEVAS II, #255
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

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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

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 to-day 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

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
Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake

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,
embracing 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 Go in peace to love and serve 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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All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee hour and fellowship.