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

_Festival Holy Eucharist_  
Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2023  
8:30 PM

_Adoration of the Child_, by Fra Filippo Lippi, c. 1455
WELCOME

to St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church
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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. Elise A. Hanley
Lay Eucharistic Minister Wladimir Lewis-Thomas de Rosier
Crucifer Benjamin Graham
Thurifer Chris Ashley
First Reader Seendy Fouron
Second Reader Wladimir Lewis-Thomas de Rosier
Intercessor Claudia Barber
Ushers Donna Evans
Seendy Fouron
Suzan Frazier

Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Sopranos Anna Elder, Juhyun Lee, Sarah Quinn
Altos Rachel Barg, Olivia Christopher
Tenors Todd Frizzell, Patrick Niess
Basses Richard Holmes, Drew Tanabe
Harpist Stacey Shames
Altar Guild Claudia Barber
Liz Chidder
Donna Evans

Livestream Director Carlos Ponce
PRELUDE    Interlude (*Ceremony of Carols*)    Benjamin Britten
He shall feed his flock (*Messiah*)    G. F. Handel

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people stand and sing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #83

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O
2 God from God, Light from Eternal,
3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
*4 See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
*5 Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,

1 come, ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
2 lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
3 sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
4 leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5 we would embrace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
2 only been gotten Son of the Father;
3 glory to God, glory in the highest;
4 we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
5 who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

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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.

GLORIA

The Hymnal 1982, #96

1 Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
3 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
4 See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
What greatness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
Comes, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2–7

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

PSALM 96 sung by the choir

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
   he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
   but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
   Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
   ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
   bring offerings and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
   let the whole earth tremble before him.
Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is King! *
   he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
   he will judge the peoples with equity.”
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
   let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
   let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
   before the Lord when he comes, *
   when he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness *
   and the peoples with his truth.

THE SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11–14

Reader  A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People  Thanks be to God.
In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord. 

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The preacher invites the people to be seated.

SERMON The Rev. Elise A Hanley

The people stand.

NICENE CREED The Hymnal 1982, #S-104

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

Adapted from prayers written by the Rev. Ric Morley

Celebrant Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus.

Intercessor As people came to Bethlehem at the rising of the star that they might greet the Christ-child, so draw us and all your people to you and make us the Church you call us to be.

God of light,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your presence, fill us with your Spirit and renew our commitment to service in your Name.

God of joy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor As shepherds watching their flocks in fields by night responded in wonder to the visit of the angels, draw all who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you.

God of wonder,

People Hear our prayer.
Intercessor  As angels sang ‘Gloria’ to you and proclaimed peace on earth and goodwill among all people, bring us your peace and an end to all terror and strife.  
God of peace,  
People  Hear our prayer.  

Intercessor  As people stream to Jesus’ Light, and sovereigns to the brightness of his rising, draw our leaders and all in authority to his brightness.  
God of the nations,  
People  Hear our prayer.  

Intercessor  As the Holy Family traveled together to far off lands, bless all families, especially the families of our parish, and protect those who travel.  
God of community,  
People  Hear our prayer.  

Intercessor  As Jesus was laid in a manger with no room in the inn, be present with those who have nowhere to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, those who are hungry, and those who are sick.  
God of mercy,  
People  Hear our prayer.  

Intercessor  As your Son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins and the hope of the resurrection, give to the departed eternal rest and let light perpetual shine on them.  
God of new life,  
People  Hear our prayer.  

Celebrant  O Lord our God, may the light and hope of this day, and of your Son’s incarnation, assure us of your presence among us even to the end of the age. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth we pray.  
People  Amen.  

THE PEACE  

Celebrant  The peace of Christ be always with you.  
People  And also with you.  

WORD OF WELCOME  

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Thou must leave thy lowly dwellings

OFFERTORY HYMN

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say; Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven’s door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!

The Hymnal 1982, #107

Hector Berlioz
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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. Because
you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to
make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in
power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame
or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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

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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.
The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father

All We remember Christ’s death,
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,
We await Christ’s coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary the Godbearer, St. Ann and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #270

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
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 ANTHEMS

What sweeter music  John Rutter
Lully, lulla, lullay  Philip Stopford
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.
People Eternal God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of holiness.
People Amen.
Celebrant May God, who sent the angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior’s birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.
People Amen.
Celebrant May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you peace.
People Amen.
Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you forever.
People Amen.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #87

1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored; Christ, the ever-last-ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo-ry by, born that we no more may die,
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
late in time behold him come,
born to raise us from the earth,

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Veiled in flesh the God-head see;
Risen with healing in his wings,

with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Beth-lehem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Em-man-u-el!
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King!

POSTLUDE Noël, Grand jeu et duo Louis-Claude d’Aquin

All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee hour and fellowship.
Christmas Flowers & Music Offerings

Given by Claudia Barber in memory of Paul Barber, Caroline & Harold Seymour, Pauline & John Barber, and Charles Francescani, and in thanksgiving for Andrew, Amy, Sam & Louisa Barber, Peter, Meredith, Dylan & Tyler Barber, and family and friends

Given by Oreta Beckett in memory of Carl Beckett, Caverell & Catherine Williams

Given by Anthony Carter and Robert Mesnard in thanksgiving

Given by Rawle Charles in thanksgiving

Given by the Rev. Canon John E. Denaro in memory of Gabriel & Elisa Denaro, Jay & Marie Pallone, Anthony Palazzo, Judy Van Liew, Alexis D'Elia, Anthony & Josephine D'Elia, Rachele Lanziotto, and Marisa de Andrés

Given by Donna Evans in memory of Virginia Jonas and Donnie Crenshaw

Given by Barbara Gonzo in memory of Amanda Jennings

Given by Gloria Goodman in thanksgiving

Given by Kate Kelly & Kyle Pope in thanksgiving for Pat & Joe Kelly and Carole Anderson

Given by Donna Lalwani in thanksgiving for the Podhany, Kaleycik, Zrinski, Lalwani & Gera families

Given by Wladimir and Philton Lewis-Thomas de Rosier in memory of Dieudonné Francoise de Rosier Dejean, grandmother of Wladimir; Murriel Bennett, mother of Philton; Dora Marcus, friend of Wladimir and Philton; Patrick St. Felix, brother of Wladimir; and Max Dutiez Douze, stepfather of Wladimir

Given by Winifred N. Murdagh in memory of parents Norman & Verna Neblett, sister Norma Clinton, and husband and son Larry & Laurence Murdaugh, and in thanksgiving for all the blessings in my life

Given by Clint Padgitt in memory of Dorothy Coles

Given by Halley and Nathan Taylor in thanksgiving for Raija & Persephone and their godparents and godsiblings, Julie, Silas, Katesh, Nimi, Margo, Jeniffer, Léon, Trey, Emma, and Luna