Jesus' Rejection at Nazareth, from the Illustrated Bible of The Hague, 12th century

Holy Eucharist
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 7, 2024
10:30 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 welcoming church that is deeply committed to sharing God’s love, caring for creation, and serving our neighbors in need. We continue to pray 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!

LEADERS IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Celebrant Fr. Stephen Morris
Preacher Rev. Brendan Nee
First Reader Barbara Gonzo
Second Reader Christina Rouner
Intercessor Carol Stone
Usher Christina Rouner
Director of Music Gregory D’Agostino
Altar Guild Liz Chidder
Nancy Nicolette
The people stand, as they are able, and sing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Hymnal 1982, #657

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy
life receive; suddenly return, and never, never-
let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfect-
faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion,
more thy temples leave. Thee we would be alway blessing,
ly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory,
pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People    And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.

KYRIE

Enriching Our Music 1, #21

Celebrant  Peace be with you.
People    And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one
another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123

Ad te levavi oculos meos

The Psalm is spoken responsively by whole verse. The people’s response is in bold.

To you I lift up my eyes, *
    to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
    and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
    until he show us his mercy.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
    for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
    and of the derision of the proud.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 12:2–10

Reader A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are
not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

The people stand as they are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN  The Hymnal 1982, #530

1 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, spread the kingdom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Father’s will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Savior’s love earth’s sore burden doth remove;

1 that to earth’s remotest bound all may heed the joyful sound;
2 how his only Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how forever, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The preacher invites the people to be seated.

**SERMON**

*The Rev. Brendan F. Nee*

**NICENE CREED**

*The people stand as they are able.*

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
(Adapted from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer, First Form)

Intercessor    Holy God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.

               We ask you to enliven the Church for its mission;

People        That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Intercessor    Breathe new life into your people.

People        Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Intercessor    Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth.

People        Teach us to care creatively for its resources.
Intercessor  Give grace to all whose lives are closely linked with ours.
People  May we serve Christ in one another, and love as Christ loves us.
Intercessor  Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
People  May they know the power of your healing love.
Intercessor  Make us instruments of your compassion and mercy.
People  Strengthen us as we share in making your people whole.
Intercessor  Bless those who died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.
People  Into your hands we commend them.
Intercessor  We praise you for St. Ann and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
People  May their example inspire and encourage us.

The Celebrant concludes

Celebrant  We beseech you, O Lord, to have compassion on our prayers and graciously accept the offerings of your people; that what each offers to the honor of your Name may lead us all to salvation. Through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.
The people are seated after exchanging the peace.
Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.

Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, safe on Canaan’s side. Songs and praises, songs and praises.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, #618
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1

Celebrant  The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, 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  It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS  Enriching Our Music 1, #23

feed me now and ever-more, ever-more, feed me now and ever-more.
shield me with your mighty arm, mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.
I will raise for ever-more, ever-more, I will raise for ever-more.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Then the Celebrant continues.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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.”

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

\textit{All} Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

\textit{The Celebrant continues}

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of all your children, that with Mary the Mother of God, St. Ann and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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. \textbf{AMEN.}

\textbf{THE LORD’S PRAYER} \hspace{1cm} Barry McLeod

\textit{Celebrant} As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing,

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\measure{1}{1} \textbf{Our Fa\text{-}ther in hea\text{-}ven,} \textbf{hal\text{-}lowed be your} \\
\measure{1}{2} \textbf{Name,} \textbf{your} \textbf{king\text{-}dom} \textbf{come,} \textbf{your} \textbf{will be done,} \textbf{on earth as in heaven.} \\
\measure{1}{3} \textbf{Give us to\text{-}day our dai\text{-}ly bread.} \textbf{For\text{-}give us our sins as we for\text{-}give} \\
\measure{1}{4} \textbf{those who sin against us.} \textbf{Save us from the time of trial, and de\text{-}} \\
\measure{1}{5} \textbf{li\text{-}ver us from evil.} \textbf{For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are} \\
\measure{1}{6} \textbf{yours, now and for ev\text{-}er.} \textbf{A\text{-}men.} \textbf{A\text{-}men.}
\end{music}
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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant  Let us pray.

People    Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Celebrant  The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People    Amen.

Celebrant  Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People    Thanks be to God.
RECESSIONAL HYMN

1 Lord, you give the great commission:
   “Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the church neglect its mission,
   and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
   with renewed integrity:

Refrain:
   With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us
   for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:
   “In my name, baptize and teach.”
That the world may trust your promise,
   life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community: [Refrain]

3 Lord, you make the common holy:
   “This my body, this my blood.”
Let us all, for earth’s true glory,
   daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
   share your children’s liberty: [Refrain]

4 Lord, you show us love’s true measure:
   “Father, what they do, forgive.”
Yet we hoard as private treasure
   all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
   to a just society: [Refrain]

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
   “I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring,
   may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
   hold in mind eternity: [Refrain]

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

Ludwig Ernst Gebhardi

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