

# **Church of the Holy Apostles**

## **The Third Sunday of Lent**

### **Sunday, March 20, 2022**

*Welcome to Holy Apostles!*

*This bulletin is your guide to worship and it has all that you need. Our worship is taken from the Book of Common Prayer. If you have any questions during the Liturgy, don't hesitate to ask an usher or a neighbor. If you are new or visiting, please make sure to introduce yourself to one of the priests after the service. Instructions on when to stand and sit are in italics and the prayers and songs that we all sing or say together will be in bold. We hope that you find it easy to follow along and we encourage you to sing out for our congregational hymns.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

*Please stand for the processional*

**Processional Hymn H-401 Rock of Ages**

*Toplady*

**Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side that flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.**

**Should my tears for ever flow, should my zeal no languor know,  
All for sin could not atone: thou must save, and thou alone;  
In my hand no price I bring, simply to thy cross I cling.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown and behold thee on thy throne,  
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**

*Please kneel as are able, responses are in bold*

### **The Penitential Order**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**God's mercy endures forever.**

Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.  
You shall have no other gods but me.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*We pause in silence as we consider our sins, and then say together*

**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.**

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.*

Kyrie eleison  
**Christe eleison**  
Kyrie eleison

*All stand, as are able*

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Please be seated for the lessons*

### **First Lesson**

**read by Kallen Tsikalas**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

*After the reading*

*Reader*       The word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 63:1-8**

**read in unison**

**O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.**

**Second Lesson**

**read by Glenn Jussen**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians..

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*After the reading*

*Reader*       The word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the Gospel procession and reading and sing together;*

**Sequence Hymn: H-140 Wilt Thou Forgive That Sin**

*Donne*

**Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,  
Which is my sin though it were done before?  
Wilt thou forgive those sins through which I run,  
And do run still, though still I do deplore?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more**

**I have a sin of fear that when I've spun  
my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son  
shall shine as he shines now, and here to fore.  
And having done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.**

**The Holy Gospel**

*Before the Gospel*

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**Deacon John Musco**

*Please stand and say together*

**The 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: 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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

**led by Matt Garklavs**

God, calm us into a quietness that heals and molds our longings and passions, our wounds and our wonderings into a more holy and human place.

Gracious and Holy One, we come to you full of much that clutters and distracts, stifles and burdens us, and makes us a burden to others. Empty us of gnawing dissatisfactions, of anxious imaginings, of nagging prejudices, of old scores to settle and of the arrogance of being right.

Empty us of the disguises and lies in which we hide ourselves from other people and from our responsibility for our neighbors and for the world. Hollow out in us a space in which we will find ourselves, find peace and a whole heart, a forgiving spirit and holiness, the springs of laughter, and the will to reach boldly for abundant life for ourselves and the whole human family.

O God, gather us now to be with you as you are with us. Soothe our tiredness; curb our aimlessness; relieve our compulsiveness. Let us be easy for a moment. Release us from the fears and guilt, which grip us so tightly; from the expectations and opinions which we so tightly grip, that we may be open to receiving what you give, to risking something genuinely new, to learning something refreshingly different.

Forgive us for claiming so much for ourselves that we leave no room for gratitude; for confusing exercises in self-importance with the acceptance of self-worth; for complaining so much about our burdens that we become a burden ourselves; for competing against others so insidiously that we stifle celebrating them and receiving your blessings through their gifts.

Keep us in touch with ourselves, with our needs, our anxieties, with our angers, with our pains, with our brokenness—that we may claim them as our own rather than blame them on someone else.

O Lord, deepen our wounds into wisdom; shape our weaknesses into compassion; gentle our envy into enjoyment, our fear into trust, our guilt into honesty. O God, help us to release our current burdens to make space for you in our hearts and in our lives.

Dear people of God, I invite you to offer your prayers aloud or in the chat:

*You are invited to speak your intercessions aloud or to type them in the chat.*

### **The Peace**

*Presider*     The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All*             **And also with you!**

### **The Holy Communion**

*This is God's Table: all are welcome*

### **The Offertory**

*You can give online via our website or use the offertory plate  
that is passed during the offertory.*

### **Offertory Anthem**

*Please stand as are able,*

#### **Doxology**

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Presider*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*       **And also with you.**  
*Presider*     Lift up your hearts.  
*People*       **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Presider*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*       **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... 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:

*Presider and People say together,*

#### **The Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider continues,*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 Lord 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 he 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:

*Presider and People,*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues,*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Remain standing as we say together*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day, our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine, is kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Remain standing as we sing together*

**Fraction Anthem: S161**

D. Hurd

**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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**



### **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Please remain standing*

### **Invitation to Communion**

These are the gifts for God for all of us, the people of God. Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Please come forward for communion following the invitation of the ushers.*

*If you wish to receive a prayer or blessing, one of the clergy will be available by the Mary statue.*

### **Communion Hymn**

### **Pange Lingua**

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling of the glorious Body sing,  
And the Blood, all price excelling, which the Gentiles' Lord and King,  
Once on earth among us dwelling, shed for this world's ransoming.

Given for us, and condescending to be born for us below,  
He with us in converse blending dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,  
Till he closed with wondrous ending his most patient life of woe.

Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere;  
Types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here;  
Faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son,  
Honor, thanks, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run;  
Ever too his love confessing who from both with both is One.

*All stand, and say together*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**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.**

## **The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn: H-149 What Wondrous Love is This**

*Wondrous Love*

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss**

**To lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.**

**To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,**

**While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,**

**while millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.**

**And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,**

**And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.**

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**All are welcome for coffee, food and fellowship  
immediately after the service outside.**

## **Announcements**

### **Lenten Outreach Offering**

This year our Lenten outreach offering is in support of relief for the Ukraine as the humanitarian crisis deepens and the need is great. You can give online via Realm, which you can access with this QR code, or pick up a purple envelope in the church and place it in the offering plate.

### **Concert, Sunday April 3 @ 6pm by donation.**

An evening of songs by Eddie Hill, Gabriel Fauré, Maurice Ravel, Errollyn Wallen, Shawn Chang and Gustav Mahler.

The winner of 2021 Naumberg international vocal competition Erin Wagner and pianist Shawn Chang perform an evening of songs. The program anticipates the duo's Carnegie debut in April.

## **Outdoor Coffee hour has resumed!**

Join us for a cup of coffee and some time to chat after the service. Want to host our simplified coffee hour? Email or speak to Ann Mellow: [ann.mellow@gmail.com](mailto:ann.mellow@gmail.com)

## **Holy Week & Easter at Holy Apostles**

### **Schedule**

<b>Palm Sunday, April 10th</b>	<b>9am This Little Light</b> <b>9:30am Liturgy of the Palms: Procession</b> <b>with the Holy Apostles 'Band'</b> <b>10am The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ &amp; Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Followed by coffee hour with egg decorating and crafts</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday, April 14th</b>	<b>5pm Family Service with foot washing &amp; Eucharist</b> <b>7pm The Mandatum, Stripping of the Altar &amp; Holy Eucharist</b>
<b>Good Friday, April 15th</b>	<b>12noon - 3pm The Passion, the Cross, Music &amp; Silence</b> <b>7pm Zoom Service</b>
<b>Easter Vigil, April 16th</b>	<b>7pm Outside</b>
<b>Easter Day</b>	<b>10am Festal Eucharist followed by the Egg Hunt for children</b> <b>on the lawn and lots of treats</b>

### **Easter Flowers & Music**

Help us fill the church with music this Holy Week and Easter, and flowers this Easter season! Saya has great music planned for us including welcoming some additional voices and musicians. We will also beautify the church this Easter with lots and lots of flowers. Forms for both are available in the back of the church and are here: <https://forms.gle/aWrM2MPAbN4GpE248>  
Please give generously!

### **Easter Egg Coloring Palm Sunday!**

All are welcome to join in our Easter egg coloring on Palm Sunday after the 10am service. We need folks to donate white hard boiled eggs. Please sign up with Ann Mellow if you are able to bring eggs. [ann.mellow@gmail.com](mailto:ann.mellow@gmail.com)

### **Easter Candy for the Egg Hunt & Stuffing the Eggs**

We are looking for candy donations to put in our eggs for the egg hunt! Small individually wrapped bite sized. **We are also looking for 3-4 volunteers who can stuff the eggs.** You can even take some home to do it! Please let the Mothers know if you can do this email them at [info@holyapostlesbrooklyn.com](mailto:info@holyapostlesbrooklyn.com). Candy can be dropped off in the office by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Eggs need to be filled by Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Sign up to bring something savory or sweet for Easter Day!**

Education for Ministry will be coordinating our festive Easter Day coffee hour. Sign up begins today to bring cakes, cookies or savory items begins today. Sign up by emailing or speaking with EfM co-coordinators Heather Kelly & Ida Love. [EMAIL HERE](#)

Upcoming Concert at Holy Apostles

Sunday 4/3 at 6PM

An evening of songs

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