

# **Church of the Holy Apostles**

## **The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

### **Sunday, March 27, 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**

*All stand, as are able*

**Processional Hymn H-690 Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah** *Cum Rhondda*

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
Feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to 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.**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated for the lessons*

**First Lesson**

**read by Peter Saghir**

A reading from the book of Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

*After the reading*

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 32**

**read in unison**

**Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!**

**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

**While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.**

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

**Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.**

**I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \***

**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.  
Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.  
You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.  
"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.  
Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."  
Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.  
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

## **Second Lesson**

**read by Amber Hatcher**

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

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*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.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Kimberlee Auletta**

*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 Carolyn Metz**

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**

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence**

*Picardy*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood.  
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia! Lord Most High!”

*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: Just As I Am**

**William B. Bradbury**

**Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
Here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

### **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.**

*May today there be peace within.*

*May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.*

*May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.*

*May you use those gifts that you have received,*

*and pass on the love that has been given to you.*

*May you be content knowing you are a child of God.*

*Let this presence settle into your bones,*

*and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.*

*It is there for each and every one of us.*

*- Teresa of Ávila*

## **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>We will be going to St. Paul's Carroll Street</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@holypostlesbrooklyn.com](mailto:info@holypostlesbrooklyn.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. [holypostlesefm@gmail.com](mailto:holypostlesefm@gmail.com)