

Church of the Holy Apostles

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 3, 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

Processional Hymn H-441 In the Cross of Christ I glory

Rathbun

**In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me: lo. It glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds new luster to the day.**

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 alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Tom Rigney

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

After the reading

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

read in unison

**When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.**

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."**

**The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.**

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.**

**Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.**

**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Second Lesson

read by Peter Saghir

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Phillipians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 John.

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he

cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Kooperkamp

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 Carol Oliver

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-474 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Rockingham

**When I survey the wondrous cross where the young Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God:
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

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.**

Salvator Mundi: Via Crucis by Denise Levertov

Maybe he looked indeed
much as Rembrandt envisioned Him
in those small heads that seem in fact
portraits of more than a model.

A dark, still young, very intelligent face,
a soul-mirror gaze of deep understanding, unjudging.
That face, in extremis, would have clenched its teeth
in a grimace not shown in even the great crucifixions.
The burden of humanness (I begin to see) exacted from Him
that He taste also the humiliation of dread,
cold sweat of wanting to let the whole thing go,
like any mortal hero out of his depth,
like anyone who has taken a step too far
and wants herself back.

The painters, even the greatest, don't show how,
in the midnight Garden,
or staggering uphill under the weight of the Cross,
He went through with even the human longing
to simply cease, to not be.

Not torture of body,
not the hideous betrayals humans commit
nor the faithless weakness of friends, and surely
not the anticipation of death (not then, in agony's grip)
was Incarnation's heaviest weight,
but this sickened desire to renege,
to step back from what He, Who was God,
had promised Himself, and had entered
time and flesh to enact.

Sublime acceptance, to be absolute, had to have welled
up from those depths where purpose
drifted for mortal moments.

Announcements

Concert, TODAY @ 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 later this month.

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 via the website, or pick up a purple envelope in the church and place it in the offering plate.

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

Holy Week & Easter at Holy Apostles

Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 10th **9am This Little Light**
9:30am Liturgy of the Palms: Procession
with the Holy Apostles 'Band'
10am The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ & Holy Eucharist
Followed by coffee hour with egg decorating and crafts

Maundy Thursday, April 14th **5pm Family Service with foot washing & Eucharist**
7pm The Mandatum, Stripping of the Altar &
Holy Eucharist

Good Friday, April 15th **12noon - 3pm The Passion, the Cross, Music & Silence**
7pm Zoom Service

Easter Vigil, April 16th **7pm St. Paul's Carrol Street**

Easter Day **10am Festal Eucharist followed by the Egg Hunt for children**
on the lawn and lots of treats

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

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. Candy can be dropped off in the office by April 10th. Eggs need to be filled by Saturday, April 16th.

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