

Church of the Holy Apostles

The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27, 2022

A note about Advent & Worship

Advent is the start of the new Church year, marked by a shift in Gospel readings (we are entering Year A which is the Gospel of Matthew), a change in liturgical colors (purple) and a time when we prepare ourselves for Christmas, aka the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, by trying to slow down and allowing some space for prayer and reflection in our lives. As you enter Church during this season, maybe take a moment to prepare for worship with a prayer, some breathing or just allow yourself to be still.

A prayer for Advent by Henri Nouwen

*Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

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.

Prelude & Introit

Please Stand

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

“The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light; those who live in a land of deep shadow, on them a light has shined. (Isaiah 9:2)

Almighty God, grant that the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, may so light our whole lives that we need never walk in the darkness. Amen.

All stand as are able

Processional Hymn

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel
O come, O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

**O come, Desire of nations bind
In one the hearts of humankind
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
And be thyself our King of Peace.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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

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

Hymn of Praise **Lord Jesus Christ, Your Light Shines Within Us** Jacques Berthier
Lord Jesus Christ, your Light shines within us.
Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your Light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love. (sung 3x)

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through 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 Tom Rigney

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

After the reading

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 read in unison

I was glad when they said to me, *
 "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Now our feet are standing *
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city *
 that is at unity with itself;
To which the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the Lord, *
 the assembly of Israel,
 to praise the Name of the Lord.
For there are the thrones of judgment, *
 the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
 "May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls *
 and quietness within your towers.
For my brethren and companions' sake, *
 I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
 I will seek to do you good."

Second Lesson

read by Ann Mellow

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

After the reading

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for the Gospel procession and reading

Sequence Hymn **When Out of Poverty is Born** *English Country Songs*

**When out of poverty is born a dream that will not die,
And landless, weary folk find strength to stand with heads held high.
It's then we learn from those who wait to greet the promised day,
'The Lord is coming; don't lose heart. Be blest; prepare the way!'**

**When people wander far from God, forget to share their bread,
They find their wealth an empty thing, their spirits are not fed.
For only just and tender love the hungry soul will stay.
And so God's prophets echo still "Be blest; prepare the way!"**

**When God took flesh and came to earth the world turned upside down,
And in the strength of woman's faith the Word of Life was born.
She knew that God would raise the low, it pleased her to obey.
Rejoice with Mary in the call, "Be blest; prepare the way!"**

The Holy Gospel

Before the Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Larisa Shaterian, Seminarian

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 Allie Senyard

God of mystery and miracles,
Your Word brings light into the dark places of our lives;
Your presence gives us strength to endure
when we are pushed beyond our own strength.

You find us in our lostness and,
with love beyond our imagining,
you lead us home.

All this you offer in and through Jesus Christ.
Yet, we resist you.
We resist loosening our tight grip on our lives.
We hesitate to trust you
for you may lead us where we do not want to go.

You know the places in our hearts
and in our minds
where we are well-defended
against your intrusions.

In this season of longing, of awaiting, of looming darkness and coming joy,
grant us grace to bring all that we are to you, O Christ
— all the broken places
— all the lost wanderings
— all the weariness from trying to live lives that are pleasing to you.

Grant us grace to overcome our own weariness to respond with generosity and love to our neighbors:

Our neighbors we know, and those whose names we will never know;
Our neighbors who are hungry or homeless;
Our neighbors who are suffering from mental illness or addiction;
Our neighbors who are dying or sick;
Our neighbors who are lonely or grieving;
Our neighbors at PS 15.

Hold us all in the fullness of your love.
Then, be born in us,
that we may find our home,
our life,
our joy
in You, Lord of light and love.

Dear people of God I invite you to offer your prayers and thanksgivings.

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

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

Presider 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**

Presider 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

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

Offertory Hymn Signs of Ending All Around Us

Ton-y Botel

**Signs of endings all around us darkness, death, and winter days
Should our lives in fear and sadness, numbing mouths that long to praise.
Come, O Christ, and dwell among us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
Give us hope and faith and gladness. Show us what there yet can be.**

**Can it be that from our endings, new beginning you create?
Life from death, and from our rendings, realms of wholeness generate?
Take our fears, then Lord and turn them into hopes for life anew:
Fading light and dying season, sing their Glorias to you.**

**Speak. O God, your Word among us. Barren lives your presence fill.
Swell our hearts with songs of gladness, terrors calm forebodings still.
Let your promised realm of justice blossom now throughout the earth;
Your dominion bring now near us; we await the saving birth.**

Please stand

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 sing together,

The Sanctus LEVAS II 255 (*Mass for a Soulful People*)

Grayson Warren Brown

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.

Hosanna, in the highest, 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 Bishop 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.**

The Lord's Prayer LEVAS II 264

A.H. Malotte

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Please remain standing and sing together

Fraction Anthem

S. Shull

We who are many, are one body,

For we all share in the one bread,

we all share in the one bread.

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.

Communion Anthem For Your Generous Providing Leith Fisher

**For your generous providing which sustains us all our days.
For your Spirit here residing, we proclaim our heartfelt praise.
Through the depth of joy and sorrow, though the road be smooth or rough,
Fearless, we can face tomorrow for your grace will be enough.**

**Hush our world's seductive noises tempting us to stand alone;
Save us from the siren voices calling us to trust our own.
For those snared by earthly treasure, lured by false security.
Jesus, true and only measure, spring the trap to set folk free.**

**Round your table, through your giving, show us how to live and pray
Till your kingdom's way of living is the bread we share each day:
Bread for us and for our neighbor, bread for body, mind, and soul
Bread of heaven and human labor - bokeh bread that makes us whole.**

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 It's Rounded Like an Orange Basil Ernest Bridge

**It's rounded like an orange this earth on which we stand;
And we praise the God who holds it in the hollow of his hand.
So father, we would thank you for all that you have done,
And for all that you have given us through the coming of your Son.**

**A candle, burning brightly, can cheer the darkest night,
And these candles tell how Jesus came to bring a dark world light.**

**The ribbon round the orange reminds us of the cost;
How the Shepherd, strong and gentle, gave his life to save the lost.**

Four seasons with their harvest supply the food we need,

And the Spirit gives a harvest that can make us rich indeed.

**We come with our Christingles to tell of Jesus's birth
And we praise the God who blessed us by his coming to this earth.**

Holiday Singalong Sleigh Ride

**Just hear those sleigh bells jingling, ring-ting-tingling too
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you
Outside the snow is falling and friends are calling "yoo hoo!"
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you**

**Giddy yap, giddy yap, giddy yap let's go, let's look at the show
We're riding in a wonderland
Giddy yap, giddy yap, giddy yap it's grand, just holding your hand
We're riding along with a song of a wintery fairy land**

**Our cheeks are nice and rosy and comfy and cozy are we
We're snuggled up together like two birds of a feather would be
Let's take the road before us and sing a chorus or two
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you**

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Weekly Announcements

Help Fill the Church with Song, Greens & Flowers this Season

As we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ, we also prepare our church with greens, flowers and music. Please donate to support these efforts. Christmas Flower donation sheet, Christmas Music donation sheet are available in the back of the church. Donations can be made by check, cash or online.

<https://forms.gle/XfhZ9wHtGUP3gWVU6>

Community Dinner Sign Up

We are now doing community dinner sign up online! Sign up will open on Saturday when the newsletter goes out and close Sunday at 5pm or when the spots fill. Weekly menus are also posted online. Please use the link in the newsletter or on the website or the QR code in the back of the church.

Coats, Gloves & Hats for Migrants

We continue to collect NEW or gently used coats, hats and gloves (or mittens) for migrants. All sizes baby- adult! You can put them in the bin in the back of the church or order them online and have them sent directly to the church. The address is: 612 Greenwood Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11218

Give a PS 15 Family Christmas

Since the beginning of the pandemic we have worked closely with PS 15 in a variety of ways to support families. This year we will again be giving holiday gifts to students and their families. Expect to spend \$30+ per person. We will have wish lists and book recommendations, so you will have guidance in your purchases. Information about when and how to drop off gifts will be forthcoming. There will be an option to have gifts ordered online and delivered to the church. If you are interested in participating in the gift drive this year please sign up after church or online through the form in the newsletter and indicate how many people you would like to buy gifts for!

<https://forms.gle/Vmr9VDi6K6ZLKwrU7>

Advent Book Group: Sunday Evenings @ 8pm on Zoom

Nov 27, Dec 4, 11 & 18

This Advent we will read Light of the World by scholar Amy-Jill Levine and reflect together on the reading and the incarnation and how the Advent season is feeling for us this year. Please sign up by emailing Mother Sarah: revsarah@holypostlesbrooklyn.com

ABOUT THE BOOK: In Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Join her as she traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt.

Contemplative Prayer in Advent Wednesday mornings at 7am

Interested in a prayer practice during Advent? Join us via Zoom in Advent four consecutive Wednesday mornings: Nov 30, Dec 7, 14 & 21 at 7am where we will engage our souls and our imaginations in prayer as we contemplate the Incarnation. Sign up required. Please email Mother Kimberlee if you are interested: revkimberlee@holypostlesbrooklyn.com

Christmas Card Making Wednesday evenings in Advent at 6:30pm

Want to make your Christmas cards this year? Join Linda Davis on Wednesday evenings in Advent for collage card making after the community dinner. Cost is \$10 for materials. Please sign up info@holypostlesbrooklyn.com

If you don't want to make cards, but would like to be with others while you work on your knitting or other projects, please join us those Wednesday evenings in Advent.

Wreath Making NEXT Sunday, December 4th after the 10am service

Join us for Christmas wreath making on December 4th. Sign up in advance in the back of the church. Cost per wreath is \$25.

The Holy Apostles Christmas Concert – Sunday, December 11th 4pm by donation

The musicians of the Holy Apostles Brooklyn are performing its first-ever Christmas concert. Please join us in what will be the beginning of an annual tradition of neighborhood Christmas concerts and listen to all-time favorite Christmas music - fun carols from Broadway musicals, movies, and classics - by the choir and exciting guest artists! A perfect concert for families, including family members of all ages.

Advent & Christmas at Holy Apostles

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| Advent 1 | Sunday, November 27 |
| Advent 2 | Sunday, December 4 |
| | - Wreath Making after the 10am, sign up in advance |
| Advent 3 | Sunday, December 11 |
| | - St. Nick at This Little Light |
| | - Christmas Concert at 4pm with a visit from Santa |
| Advent 4 | Sunday, December 18 |
| | - No This Little Light |
| | - Christmas Pageant at the 10am |
| | - Visit from St. Nick |
| Christmas Caroling | Friday, December 23rd at 5pm |
| Christmas Eve | Saturday, December 24th at 4pm |
| Christmas Day | Sunday, December 25th at 9am ZOOM ONLY |
| New Year's Day | Sunday, January 1st |
| | - No This Little Light |
| | - Lessons at Carols at the 10am |

Annual Pledges for 2023

Thank you to everyone who has already made their pledge to Holy Apostles for 2023.

To date we have received 46 pledges totaling \$190,205 we are well on our way to our goal of \$250,000!

While giving is done all year long, there is a season in the church that we specifically set aside to reflect on our giving to God in the form of pledging. You can fill out a pledge and place it in the offering plate at church or fill out our secure e-pledge card:

<https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/AddPledge/pledge2023>

We thank the following families and individuals for their prayerful gifts to God and the church, so that we all can continue to grow and serve Christ in each other, the community, and to welcome those seeking Christ:

Jill Metzler	The Newland Family	Carol Normandin
Audrey Whitworth	The Parkman Family	Missy Trull & Matt Zaller
Brenda Alleyne	Olga Oliver	The Siegel Family
The Babak Nugent Family	The Coletti Brazini Family	The Dickerson Adkins Family
Patrick & Wendene Durant	Stephen Geick	The Auletta Landau Family
Alice Avouris	The Haynes Smith Family	Dana Taplin
The Golay Family	The Trissel Joly Family	Jane Miller
The Hackett Family	Erin McNaughton	The Kooperkamp Lopez Family
The Labbanecz Family	Ida Love	The Melodia Miles Family
Karan Merry	The Tyszka Family	Hugh Miller
Tom Rigney	The Saghir Family	The Tsikalas Pasternak Family
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The Toth Family	Ann Mellow	Heather Kelly & James Topping
Pat Thebaud	Asa Swain	Mary Ellen Edmonds
Larissa Bailiff	Ruth Klein	The Dufour Family
The Kurtz Family		

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An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Long Island

*Holy Apostles exists as God's house for all people,
by fulfilling the spiritual yearning of our souls, teaching us
how to live as Christians in a broken world
by serving the needs of the greater community.*

The Rev. Kimberlee Auletta & The Rev. Sarah Kooperkamp
Co-Rectors

Saya Callner
Director of Music

Allie Senyard & Larissa Shaterian
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Altar Server

Phillip Hunter

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The Church office is open Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 9am-4pm.

Please email the Mothers if you would like to meet with them at
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