

Church of the Holy Apostles

The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 4, 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

Presider Let us pray

All **There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came to bear witness to the coming of the light so that all might believe through him. (John 1:6-7)**

O God, help us to be ready for the coming of your Son, the light of all who love him, by making room for him in our hearts. Amen.

Remain standing

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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 Morgan McGuire

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of
him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

After the reading

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72 read in unison

Give the King your justice, O God, *
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously *
 and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
 and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
 from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
 like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
 who alone does wondrous deeds!
And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
 and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Second Lesson

read by Kallen Tsikalas

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

 "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
 and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

 "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

 "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
 and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

 "The root of Jesse shall come,
 the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
 in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Priest 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 Peter Saghir

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 Anthem

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 L-11 Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Refrain: Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

- 1. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (refrain)**
- 2. Fill ev'ry valley, bring all mountains low. (refrain)**
- 3. Go up to a mountain and shout with a loud voice. (refrain)**
- 4. Say to all people, here is your God. (refrain)**

Holiday Singalong

Chestnut Roasting On an Open Fire

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire,

Jack Frost nipping at your nose

Yuletide carols being sung by the choir and folks dressed up like Eskimos

Everybody knows, a turkey and some mistletoe

will help to make the season bright

Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow will find it hard to sleep tonight

They know that Santa's on his way. He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh,

And every mother's child is gonna spy, to see reindeer really know how to fly

And so, I'm offering this simple phrase, to kids from one to ninety-two

Although it's been said many times, many ways

Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas to 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.

Annual Pledges for 2023

Thank you to everyone who has already made their pledge to Holy Apostles for 2023. To date we have received 48 pledges totaling \$194,205 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>

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. This week's meal is baked ziti!

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.

Give a PS 15 Family Christmas

If you signed up to give a gifts, they are due on December 11th! Questions? Ask Coco, Alice or Asa.

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

- 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

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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.*

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