

The Feast of the Nativity

December 24, 2022: 4 pm

Christmas Carols, Candles & Holy Eucharist

Church of the Holy Apostles

612 Greenwood Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11218

Christmas Carols

Prelude Selections from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* Vincent Guaraldi

Hodie from *Ceremony of Carols*

Benjamin Britten

Gesu Bambino

Pietro A. Yon

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy West Indian Spiritual arr. Robert De Cormier

Ding Dong Merrily on High 16th-century French carol *setting by* Stephen Mager

Go Tell it, Rise Up Shepherd

arr. G. Grier & L. Everson

Personent Hodie

German 1360 arr. Gustav Holst

*We welcome you this Christmas Eve to Holy Apostles,
an open and affirming Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Long Island.*

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by fulfilling the spiritual yearning of our souls, teaching us how
to live as Christians in a broken world
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The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand as are able.

Processional Hymn 83

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste fideles

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Son of the Father, Now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria: Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

Angels we have heard on high,
Singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brave delight.
Glo----r-ia, In excelsis Deo
Glo----r-ia, In excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?

**What great bright-ness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Glo----r-ia, In excelsis Deo
Glo----r-ia, In excelsis Deo**

**See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love.
Glo----r-ia, In excelsis Deo
Glo----r-ia, In excelsis Deo**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

read by Zach Parkman

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Lesson

A reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

read by Chelsea Haynes

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the sequence anthem & Gospel reading.

Sequence Hymn

Hark the Herald (v.1-3)

Mendelssohn

**Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!**

**Christ by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!**

**Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness, hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!**

The Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of

great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Mothers

*Please stand for the prayers. Responses are in **BOLD**.*

The Prayers of the People

led by Peter Saghir

My neighbors, in the peace of God, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's word made flesh this night. From grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying: Let the heavens rejoice; and let the earth be glad.

That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized in every place of conflict and on every street of violence.

Let the heavens rejoice; **and let the earth be glad.**

That the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry and our willingness to nourish the growth of our souls.

Let the heavens rejoice; **and let the earth be glad.**

That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning, and to those who are seeking a better life for their families by fleeing the violence of their home lands.

Let the heavens rejoice; **and let the earth be glad.**

That the rejoicing of this day might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship through the fellowship of the Church.

Let the heavens rejoice; **and let the earth be glad.**

That the joy and the consolation of the Wonderful Counselor might enliven all who are sick or suffering.

Let the heavens rejoice; **and let the earth be glad.**

That the angels may join in our chorus of gratitude and thanksgiving, especially for those who are gathered in churches and online around the world this Christmas Eve.

Let the heavens rejoice; **and let the earth be glad.**

That the blessed hope we celebrate this night might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith.

Let the heavens rejoice; **and let the earth be glad.**

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God.

Dear People of God, we invite you to share your prayers aloud.

You are invited to share your intercessions by speaking them aloud or putting them in the chat.

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

This is God's table. All are welcome to receive communion.

Please be seated.

The Offertory

We will do two collections this evening, the first in support of the ministry at Holy Apostles, the second in support of our continued outreach work with PS 15 in Red Hook where we have been helping families for three years with rent, groceries and utilities.

Please give generously as God has given generously to us!

If you wish to give electronically on venmo you can scan this QR code:



venmo

Offertory Anthem
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Sussex Carol, In Dulci Jubilo
Do You Hear What I Hear

English Traditional Carol
Noël Regney and Gloria Shayne

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.**

Remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharist 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

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 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.**

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**

Please remain standing

The Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God, for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Anthem

Candlelight Carol

John Rutter

Communion Anthem

What Child is This

Greensleeves

The Postcommunion 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 candles are lit and the lights are dimmed.

Post Communion Hymn 111 Silent Night

Stille Nacht

**Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child**

**Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born!**

**Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord at thy birth; Jesus Lord at thy birth.**

The Blessing

May Almighty God, Who sent His Son to take our nature upon Him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of His holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent His angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, Who in the Word made Flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you His peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Recessional

Joy to the World

Antioch

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King:
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.**

Dismissal

Priest

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Holy Apostles Choir

(* denotes guest musician)

Alice Avouris
Vrushabh Doshi*
Matthew Krob*
Shawn Farrar*
Dana Taplin

Matthew Curran*
Kinneret Ely*
Juliet Morris*
Megan Ryan

Linda Davis
Heather Kelly
Bryan Murray*
Angela Scorese*

David See*, piano and organ
Saya Callner, director of music

Christmas Greens & Poinsettias

The greens and poinsettias decorating the church have been given by the following members and friends of Holy Apostles.

The Auletta/Landau Family

*In Thanksgiving for our families.
In Memory of Mary Auletta.*

Richard Auletta

In Memory of Mary Auletta, Kelli Anne Auletta; Mary & Edmond D'Avignon; Joseph D'Avignon, Jr., Sue Ricard; Nettie & Pat Auletta; Rose & Pete Dellaquila; David Douglas, Virginia Geib; Dr. Herbert Oie & John McCurdy.

Daria Rigney

In Memory of Ed and Donna Sclafani and Kate Del Monaco.

Patrick & Wendene Durant

In Thanksgiving for another healthy year and wonderful family & friends.

Erin McNaughton

In Thanksgiving and Gratitude for this church and the community it inspires.

Dana Taplin

Jill Metzler	<i>In Thanksgiving for my wonderful grandchildren: Leila, Alex, Gaby, Zack & Casey. In Memory of Ron Metzler.</i>
Ellen Correia Golay	<i>In Memory of my father John Correia and great aunts Helen & Maria Ryder.</i>
Audrey Whitworth	<i>In Thanksgiving for my grandchildren Liam and Jane and their parents Chris and Meredith.</i>
The Kooperkamp Lopez Family	<i>In Memory of Blanche Cooper & Kathy Lopez</i>
Carol Normandin	<i>In Thanksgiving for this church community.</i>
Kallen Tsikalas & Scott Pasternak	<i>In Memory of our fathers John Tsikalas & Harold Pasternak.</i>
Chelsea Haynes	<i>In Thanksgiving for my grandma Patricia Fairbank.</i>
Heather Kelly & James Topping	<i>In memory of Walter Kelley.</i>
The Blair Harvey Family	<i>In Memory of Michael Blair, James Harvery & Lilly Blair Harvey.</i>
Patricia Thebaud	<i>In Thanksgiving for a good life. In Memory of my husband Elder, John Paul, Arnold & Mavis Fletcher, David & Dawne Fletcher.</i>
Frances Cooper	
Keisha Lightbourne	<i>In Thanksgiving for family, given and chosen.</i>
Elisabetta Coletti	<i>In Thanksgiving for Luca Brazzini.</i>
The Saghir Family	<i>In Memory of Charlie Stocker.</i>

Music Ministry

We thank the following people and families for contributing to our Christmas Music fund to help bring additional voices to Holy Apostles for Advent & Christmas: Alice Avouris, Emily Blair, Ellen Golay, Erin McNaughton, Carol Normandin, Daria Rigney, The Saghir Family, Asa Swain, Dana Taplin, Patrician Thebaud, Audrey Whitworth, Jill Metzler, the Auletta-Landau Family, the Kooperkam-Lopez Family, Richard Auletta, Heather Kelly and James Topping.

Christmas Thank You's

We want to thank all of the parishioners who prepared the way of the Lord this Advent with offering their Advent reflections and to Scott Pasternak for all his work in creating the daily podcasts.

We want to thank Alice Avouris, Asa Swain and Coco Joly for the amazing feat of coordinating Christmas gift giving to 131 children and parents at PS 15.

We want to thank Kim Parkman who made the church look so magical this Christmas with luminaries.

We want to thank Matt Zaller and Missy Trull for bringing St. Nick and his friend Nicole to our This Little Light community this Advent and reminding us of the joy of giving to others.

We want to thank our amazing director of music, Saya Callner, who has lifted our souls with beautiful music and to Julia Gannon for her work and planning on the Christmas concert.

We want to thank our seminarians Allie Senyard and Larisa Shaterian for the creation and production of the Christmas Pageant and work with the children.

And thank you, to all of you, for helping to create this wonderful, loving Christian community that gives and loves abundantly.

A Christmas Welcome

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the Incarnation – the love of God born among us in Bethlehem, a light for the whole world – the Church is reminded of its call to embody the love of God in the world today. A love that we need more than ever.

We are faithfully here every week, our doors open to all people – those who seek solace, those who seek community, those who feel called to enter into a relationship with God and others. We invite you to join us in 2023 – come be loved and healed by God.

Hearing the angels' announcement of the Savior's birth, may your ears be opened to the messengers of God's love in your life. Inspired by the faithfulness of Mary, may your heart be opened to God's purposes in your life and to God's new creation. And celebrating the light that darkness did not overcome, may you know the light of Christ burning brightly in your life. Welcome to Holy Apostles, and God bless you this Christmas.

In peace & with love,

The Mothers

Worship with Us

Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Zoom service only

The First Sunday after Christmas – January 1nd

A Service of Lessons & Carols

10:00 a.m. in person and on Zoom
(no This Little Light)

The Feast of the Epiphany – January 8th

8:30 a.m. This Little Light with Baptism
10a.m. Choral Eucharist

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Allie Senyard & Larissa Shaterian
Seminarians

Vi Lynk
Altar Server

Phillip Hunter
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