

**The Holy Eucharist
Feast of the Epiphany
Sunday, January 8, 2023
CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES**

*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 Liturgy of the Word

Welcome & Announcements

All stand as are able

Processional Hymn: H-89 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Carol

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King"
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.**

**Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
Beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
And warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing.**

**For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold.
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

Opening Acclamation

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

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

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 H-96

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, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

After the reading

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

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.
 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
 *and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
 All kings shall bow down before him,
 *and all the nations do him service.
 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
 *and the oppressed who has no helper.
 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
 *he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
 *and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Second Lesson Read by Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for the Gospel procession and reading

Sequence Hymn 87 Hark the Herald (v.1-3) Mendelssohn
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peach 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 Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Before the Gospel

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

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

After the Gospel

Gospeller: 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.

Remain standing for the prayers

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ.

As the prophet Isaiah rang out, “Arise, shine; for your light has come”; empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness. Lord, in your mercy, *(Here and after every petition)*

Hear our prayer.

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**

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: H-115 What Child is This Greensleeves

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

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.**

Please stand

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 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.**

It is our custom at Holy Apostles to hold hands while we sing the Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Please come forward for communion following the invitation of the ushers.

Communion Hymn:

**I Wonder as I Wander
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,**

how Jesus the Savior did come for to die
for poor ordinary people like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall
with wise men and farmers and shepherd and all.
but high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
and the promise of ages it did then recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,
he surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

You may come for prayers/blessings after receiving communion by the Mary statue

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 128 - We Three Kings of Orient Are *Three Kings of Orient*
We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. [Refrain]

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. [Refrain]

Parting Prayer *sung to the tune of Edelweiss*

May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever,
bind your heart to his heart with a bond that nothing can sever.
Give you light on the uphill road and courage in every endeavor.
May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever.

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

Please check www.holyapostlesbrooklyn.com for links and announcements.

Our next Baptism date is the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8th

Adults, children & babies are all welcome to be baptized into the body of Christ! Please speak with the Mothers if you are interested in baptism. Our next date is the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8th.

Coffee & Fellowship today immediately following the service

Thank you to Ann Mellow for hosting coffee hour this morning. Want to host coffee & fellowship? Please sign up on the sheet on the red door.

Annual Meeting Sunday, January 22

The Mothers will give their annual address during the 10am service; following the service in the undercroft will be the presentation of the 2023 budget, the 2022 financials and a time for questions and answers. All are welcome and encouraged to participate – the vitality and growth of our parish are dependent on your engagement! If you have a question for the meeting you are invited to share it with our wardens, Peter Saghir and Ann Mellow.

eGALitarian Brass Trio Concert

Sunday, January 22nd @ 4pm

Join our friends, the eGALitarian Brass Band, for a mid-winter concert. Invite your friends. All are welcome. Cost: at will donation at the door. Masks are required.