

# **The Second Sunday after Epiphany**

## **Sunday, January 15, 2023**

### **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**

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Processional Hymn    In Christ There Is No East or West        Sung by All**  
**In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North,**  
**But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be!**  
**Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North,**  
**All Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.**

#### **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 H-119**

*Dix*

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;**  
**As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;**  
**Sim most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger-bed;**  
**There to bend the knee before him whom heaven and earth adore;**  
**So may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy-seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ! To thee, our heavenly King.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Please be seated for the lessons*

**First Lesson**

**Read Geoff Kurtz**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength--

he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,

the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up,

princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,

because of the Lord, who is faithful,

the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*After the reading*

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 40:1-12**

I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*

he stooped to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
     he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.  
 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; \*  
     many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.  
 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \*  
     they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.  
 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!  
     how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
     there is none who can be compared with you.  
 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
     but they are more than I can count.  
 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
     (you have given me ears to hear you);  
 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
     and so I said, "Behold, I come.  
 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
     'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."  
 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
     behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.  
 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
     I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
     I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.  
 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
     let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

## Second Lesson

Read by Tom Rigney

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be  
 saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both  
 their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in  
 Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every  
 kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not  
 lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also  
 strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God  
 is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*After the reading*

*Reader*       The word of the Lord.

*People*       **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the Gospel procession and reading*

**Sequence Hymn: H 135     Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (verses 1, 2 & 4)   Salzburg**

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,**

**Manifested by the star to the sages from afar;**

**Branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in us made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana, wedding-guest, in thy God-head manifest;  
Manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in us made manifest.**

**Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light,  
Where disciples filled with awe they transfigured glory saw.  
When from there thou leddest them steadfast to Jerusalem,  
Cross and Easter Day attest God in us made manifest.**

### **The Holy Gospel**

*Before the Gospel*

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

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

*Priest*           The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Sermon**

*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 Erin McNaughton**

God of wonder and mystery,  
God of the stars and the universe,  
God of winding ways and straight paths,  
we gather today with gratitude for the gift of your constant presence, your trustworthy guidance,  
and your daring risk-taking with us.

You dare to love us despite our inability to respond fully.  
You dare to care for us, despite our challenge in caring for others.  
You dare to walk with us, despite our fickleness.

On our own journeys toward the stars and guiding points you put before us, you continue to lead us forward, guiding us by the teachings of Jesus to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly in your loving shadow.

As we struggle with the political wrangling of this world, the wars waged for both justice and greed, the violence committed daily against the innocent, let alone the pain of broken relationships and loss, you remain steadfast in your care and devotion for your entire creation throughout the universe.

It is almost too much to take in sometimes.  
And even in our doubts and disbelief, our struggle to understand and constant misunderstanding, and our flat-out ignorance about your ways, you remain constantly present to us.

We pray for peace in this world, Lord, the kind of peace in which we celebrate diversity, are joyfully challenged by adversity, and share in the joy that is to be found everywhere.

We pray for those who are lonely, that you might lead us to reach out and be friends.

We pray for those who are hungry, that you might lead us to offer sustenance.

We pray for those who are lost, that you might lead us to give hope and direction.

We pray for those all who have died, that you will receive them into your loving arms, and comfort all who mourn for their loved ones.

We pray for the countries of the world,  
that we might find a way to work together to lift one another up.

We pray for our leaders in Washington, that your Spirit might guide them to set an example for our country and the world to work together rather than against one another.

We pray for our country, that we may seek the places where we share commonality and seek to repair the divisions that are tearing us apart.

And we pray for ourselves, that we might continue on this journey, learning the lessons you offer, seeking the fullness of your perfection, and live as you would have us live.

Dear people of God, I invite you to offer your prayers by typing them into the chat or by speaking them aloud.

*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: LEVAS II 226 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory** *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword,  
His truth is marching on.**

*Refrain* **Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.**

**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat,  
He is shifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat:  
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.**

*Refrain*

**In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me  
As He died to make us holy, let us live to make all free,  
While God is marching on.**

*Refrain*

*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 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.**

**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 Hymn**

*Kingsford*

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.**

*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-136 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus** *Indian Folk Melody*

**I have decided to follow Jesus  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
No turning back, no turning back**

**Though no one join me, still I will follow....  
No turning back, no turning back**

**The world behind me, the cross before me....  
No turning back, no turning back**

**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**

*Deacon* 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](http://www.holyapostlesbrooklyn.com) for links and announcements.**

### **Community Dinner is Back!**

Join us on Wednesday evening for community dinner - a home cooked meal coupled with great conversation. Sign up each week. Cost: by donation.

### **Exploring our Rituals**

Have you ever wondered why we do certain things during Sunday morning services? Why we stand, sit, cross ourselves, bow, lay down a tablecloth, etc? For the five weeks leading up to Lent we'll explore some of these rituals, look briefly at their history and consider how we might translate them into our personal spiritual practices. Please click here to email Vi Lynk to join.

Meets Mondays (1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, & 2/20) 7:30-8:30 pm on Zoom.

### **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 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 following the 10am service.

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.

**One Service**, Sunday, January 29 @9am

Join us for the 5th Sunday of the month with our combined service.

**LOOKING AHEAD to LENT**

**Wednesday February 15th “Shrove Tuesday” Palm “Bonfire”**

Bring last year's palms (if you have them) and join us as we burn the palms, hot dogs and roast marshmallows!

**Wednesday, February 22nd Ash Wednesday 7pm**

Join us for our Ash Wednesday liturgy with the invitation to observe a holy Lent and imposition of ashes.

**The Daily Examen 8 Day Retreat on Zoom 10pm**

Thursday, February 23 through March 2

Begin your Lent with the spiritual practice of the Ignatian Daily Examen. Designed to help us begin to see where God is moving in our lives, this 500 year old practice helps cultivate gratitude for every day in a simple inventory of our days. No experience necessary.

Meetings last for 15 minutes each night via Zoom. Sign up required in advance, and nightly attendance is strongly encouraged.