

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Rite II

Worship Preparation

Preparing for worship at home is a different process than coming to worship in our church, where the space is set up for us with candles and time for prayer before the service begins. As a result, it might be harder to get ourselves ready for worship. So as you prepare yourself for worship this morning, we invite and encourage you to light a candle and say the following prayer:

*Generous God, this day and all its possibilities are your gifts to me.
Make me ready to receive your grace this morning and every morning.*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude
Wool

Holy, holy, holy

Performed by Borah Coburn and Tom

Opening Song

You'll never walk alone

Sung by Hirona Amamiya

Opening Sentence

Presider Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead us, and bring us to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Confession of Sin

Presider Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us sit in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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 Invitatory & Psalter

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

Presider The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Venite

Sung by Motomi Tanaka

*O Come and sing unto the Lord, to Him our voices raise;
Let us in our most joyful songs the Lord, our Saviour, praise.
Before His presence let us come with praise and thankful voice:
Let us sing psalms to Him with grace with grateful hearts rejoice.
The Lord our God is King of Kings above all gods His throne
the depth of earth are in His hand the mountains are His own.
To Him the spacious sea belong He made its waves and tides;
And by His hand the rising land was formed, and still abides
O come, and bowing down to Him our worship let us bring
Yea, let us kneel before the Lord our maker and our King. Amen.*

Psalm 119:129-136

Led by Jon DiGiambattista

Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.
I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
Rescue me from those who oppress me, *

and I will keep your commandments.
Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the first book of Kings

Read by Carol Oliver

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Read by Deacon John Musco

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Rev. Sarah Kooperkamp

The Apostles Creed

Said in unison

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Offertory

We now sing together our praise to God in thanksgiving for the generosity of this parish for the continued giving to the church and for the abundant giving to our brothers and sisters at PS 15.

If you would like to give online, you can do so via our website

www.holyapostlesbrooklyn.com/belonging/giving

Doxology

Sung by all

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Prayers

Led by Belinda DiGiambattista

Intecessor We offer our prayers to you O God of Life, you created all people as one family and call us to live together in harmony and peace; surround us with your love as we face the challenges and tragedies of this present time.

Silence is kept for a moment.

Intercessor In the midst of our sadness and grief, we ask you to give us words to comfort one another and for the grace to allow room for grieving and sadness. For those who are dying, and for those who have already died from this virus, for those who care for them and for those with no one to care for them. For those who have died as a result of racial violence. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

In the midst of our own anxiety, we ask for the courage to support one another as you would. For those who are poor, hungry, and homeless; for those who have lost their employment; those who fear the present and the future; for our government and financial institutions and those who lead them; Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

In the midst of our brokenness, we pray that the peace of the risen Christ may heal the wounds of all victims of injustice, exploitation, prejudice, hatred and racism. We pray for our nation to stand up and do the work of uniting us, not dividing us. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

In the midst of our struggle to ensure a healthy future for all people, we ask you to give us the hope that surpasses our current understanding. For healthcare workers, spiritual leaders and our faith communities, for protestors, for artists and poets, for prophets and teachers; Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Remembering that you have promised to hear our prayers, we offer our intercessions and thanksgivings:

*** we will unmute all for intercessions. Please give silence after each person speaks before you add your petition. If you do not have a petition or if there is too much background noise in your home, please mute yourself. You can also write your prayer in the chat.*

The Lord's Prayer LEVAS-264

Sung by all

**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.**

Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Said by all

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Benediction

Rev. William Sloan Coffin

Presider May God give you Grace never to sell yourself short;
Grace to risk something big for something good;

Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love;
The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us now and remain with us this day and always. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Sung by all

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
All else be nought to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Parting Hymn

May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever
Bind your heart to his heard, 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.

Passing of the Peace

Time for Check-In

Parish Announcements

*Links for all the **Worship for the Week** are sent out weekly. **Compline and Contemplative Prayer** are on summer hiatus.*

***PS 15 Update:** Due to the abundant generosity of our parish, we have paid rent for 6 undocumented families 5 from PS 15 and one other family.. Initially we thought we could support 3 families for 3 months, and have been able to expand to two additional families this month from PS 15. These families do not qualify for any public assistance and live in substandard conditions at the mercy of their landlords. Paying their rent for a few months lessens their anxiety and prevents their families from becoming homeless. The need is great. If you or people you know are able to help, please consider donating to our discretionary fund.*

<https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/give/discretionary>

*We have moved to a weekly **Parish Prayer List**. If you have a prayer request or thanksgiving that you would like to include, please email it to info@holypostlesbrookly.com by **Friday at 5pm**.*