

Fourth 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 **Give Me Jesus** **Sung by the Holy Apostles Choir**

Opening Song **Lead Me Guide Me** **Sung by Motomi Tanaka**

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 Nobuki Momma

*Come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
And raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
And a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
And his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
And kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
And we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

Psalm 89:1-4,15-18

Led by Janet Kaplan

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.
Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

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 Paul's letter to the Romans.

Read by Asa Swain

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Read by Gwendolyn Daring

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Colleen Wessel-McCoy

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 sister 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 Heather Kelly

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

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of eagerness, Lord of all faith
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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 or Contemplative Prayer are on summer hiatus.*

The NYS Poor People's Campaign is hosting an open house, Tuesday, July 1st from 5-7pm.

Please sign up if you can make it and please let us know if you plan on attending. We are building a group of interested folks who want to be involved in these issues moving forward, including with the election.

RSVP here: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/new-york-state-poor-peoples-campaign-open-house>

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 want to thank **Colleen Wessel-McCoy** for being our theologian in residence this program year. She has brought so much to our community over these 10 months and look forward to remaining connected to her as she and her family move to Arizona where she will be teaching in the fall. We wish her traveling mercies and blessings for the year to come!*

*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@holyapostlesbrookly.com by **Friday at 5pm**.*