

Fourteenth 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 **Over the rainbow** **Sung by Julia Gannon**

Opening Song **Is it well with my soul** **Sung 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 Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

All **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom,
while building walls between ourselves and others.
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.
We have tried to love our neighbors individually
while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.
Forgive us, Holy God.
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.**

**Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,
united in our diversity,
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.
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 119:33-40

Led by Jacob Stewart

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

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 prophet Ezekiel

Read by Patrice Rankine

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Read by Brenda Alleyne

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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Reflections

Ellie Berlyn & Morgan McGuire

*Ellie and Morgan offer reflections this morning on their experiences in
The Sacred Ground and the Internalized Oppression groups that concluded this past week.*

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 Alice Avouris

Today's prayers were written by folks with the Interfaith Worker Justice www.iwj.org for Labor Day.

Intercessor Friends, let us offer our prayers to God, who pronounced all creation good, who sent his Son to live and work as one like us, and who calls us to serve the poor and those oppressed. Lord, give success to the work of our hands.

Silence is kept for a moment.

Intercessor For all those who work: **Lord, give success to the work of our hands.**

Intercessor For those who are unemployed or underemployed, or have lost their jobs because of changing economic conditions, let us pray: **Lord, give success to the work of our hands.**

Intercessor For those who work in hazardous conditions without sufficient protection, let us pray: **Lord, give success to the work of our hands.**

Intercessor For migrant workers and all who work the land, let us pray: **Lord, give success to the work of our hands.**

Intercessor For all employers that they may seek to provide a just work environment for all workers: **Lord, give success to the work of our hands.**

Intercessor For those who face discrimination, harassment, or abuse in the work place, let us pray: **Lord, give success to the work of our hands.**

Intercessor For those who must balance job commitments with the needs of their family, let us pray: **Lord, give success to the work of our hands.**

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.

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: Eternal Father Strong to Save Sung by all

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bount the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, thy children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe're they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and see.

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.

Summer Sing-along If I had a hammer

Sung by all

If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning.
I'd hammer in the evening all over this land.
I'd hammer out danger. I'd hammer out a warning.
I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters,
All over this land.

If I had a bell, I'd ring it in the morning.
I'd ring it in the evening all over this land.
I'd ring out danger. I'd ring out a warning.
I'd ring out love between my brothers and my singers,
All over this land.

If I had a song, I'd sing it in the morning.
I'd sing it in the evening all over this land.
I'd sing out danger. I'd sing out a warning.
I'd sing out love between my brothers and my singers,
All over this land.

Well I got a hammer, And I've got a bell.
And I've got a song all over this land.
It's the hammer of justice. It's the bell of freedom.
It's the song about love between my brothers and my sisters.
All over this land.

Passing of the Peace

Time for Check-In

Parish Announcements

Interested in participating in Sacred Ground this fall? If we have folks who are interested, we will run at least one Sacred Ground group this fall. This is a 10 week curriculum designed by the Episcopal Church that explores systemic racism and raise our awareness of our role. If you are interested, please email info@holypostlesbrooklyn.com

*We have ordered many of the supplies for **PS 15** and are in the process of receiving them in the church. We still need Fresh Direct bags, as well as black and red Flair Pens. We also need volunteers to help us assemble the bags once we have received all the items. A firm date will be emailed in the coming days.*

In the coming week to 10 days, we will be sending out an email with our offerings for the fall. Please be on the lookout for it!

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