

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Rite II

Reflecting on Giving

While giving is done all year long, there is a season in the church that we specifically set aside to reflect on our giving to God in the form of pledging. We offer this prayer as we begin our worship together:

Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received--abundantly, generously, and joyfully that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. In the name of the Three in whom we are One, Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude **This is the day** **Sung by Jan and Jerry Hanen**

Opening Song **Holy Spirit Breath of God** **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 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.

Jubilate

Sung by Motomi Tanaka

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves,

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

Psalm 23

Led by Erin McNaughton

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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 Isaiah

Read by Brenda Alleyne

O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Read by Deacon John Musco

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

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. 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 Tom Rigney

Intercessor In peace we pray to You, O God.

Pause for a moment of silence

Intercessor Help us, O Lord, that our eyes may be merciful

People **That we may never judge our neighbors**

Intercessor Help us, O Lord, that our ears may be merciful

People **That we may hear our neighbors needs**

Intercessor Help us, O Lord, that our tongues may be merciful

People **That we may never speak poorly of our neighbors**

Intercessor Help us, O Lord, that our hands may be merciful

People **That we may do only good to our neighbors**

Intercessor Help us, O Lord, that our feet may be merciful

People **That we may hurry to assist our neighbors**

Intercessor Help us, O Lord, that our hearts may be merciful

People **That we may feel the sufferings of our neighbors**

Intercessor Let us remember in silence our departed brothers and sisters.

Pause for a moment of silence

I invite you to offer intercessions and thanksgivings to God either silently or aloud.

*** 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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.

Gracious God, giver of all we have and hold as stewards; grant all of us, the people of this church, a deep and abiding awareness that all things come from you – our health, our incomes, our jobs, our talents and our generous impulse. Send your Holy Spirit to help us as we swim against the rising tides of materialism, envy, individualism and greed in our culture. When we are tempted to think of money as a private matter, remind us that you have asked for part of what we are given, to be returned to you as a symbol of our awareness that you give all we have. And further, help us to help each other in this grace of giving, for you are the lover of our souls and call us to nothing less than transformation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Sung by all

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness
Come into the daylight's splendor
There with joy thy praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded
Hath this wondrous banquet founded
High o'er all the heavens he reigneth
Yet to dwell with thee he deigneth

Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee
Let me gladly here obey thee
Never to my hurt invited
Be thy love with love requited
From this banquet let me measure
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure
Though the gifts thou here dost give me
As thy guest in heaven receive me

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

Ingathering of Pledges - Next Sunday, October 18th followed by Coffee Hour to Go 11:30am-12:30pm

Next Sunday we celebrate our ingathering of pledges at our 10am service. Following the service from 11:30am to 12:30pm we invite those who are able to come by the church to participate in Coffee Hour to Go - by grabbing a bag of homemade treats and getting a chance to see each other in person.

Mental Health, COVID & The Election - Sunday, October 18th @ 7pm via Zoom

Join Dr. Marcel Saghir (father of Peter) for a discussion on the challenges we are facing during these trying times and what tools we might use to help us day to day to see us through. To RSVP for the link, please email info@holypostlesbrooklyn.com

All Saints & All Souls - Nov 1 & Nov 2

- *On Sunday, November 1 at 12noon we have an opportunity for everyone to come craft as we make different items for the celebration for All Souls. Cost per family is \$20 and reservations are required due to social distancing regulations. Please email info@holypostlesbrooklyn.com to reserve your spot.*
- *On Monday, November 2 at 8pm we will be doing an All Souls Requiem Evensong via Zoom to remember those who we have lost this year. Please email photos and names of those beloved departed to info@holypostlesbrooklyn.com to be included in our remembrance.*

PS 15 and Ongoing Giving

If you have received a P-EBT card because you have a student in public school and are hesitating to use it, consider using the card and donating the amount to our discretionary fund for our ongoing support of families at PS 15. We continue to help undocumented families with rent and food assistance. You can donate here:

www.holypostlesbrooklyn.com/belonging/giving

Sign up to be a reader this fall here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gVpB-GgI8q1YnLNwTerIQFKCS4sSvzbZ258IE6CJ5u8/edit?usp=sharing>

Check out our fall newsletter here: <https://mailchi.mp/204c33af7f6a/fall-at-holy-apostles>

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

Beginning this week, we will include a link to the video of the worship service in our prayer list that goes out on Sunday evenings..