

# Third 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 & Honoring the Graduates

*Congratulations to Sam DiGiambattista, Philip Hunter & Luke Saghir  
for graduating from Middle School; to Beckett Landau for graduating from Elementary School; to  
Zara Bellamy for graduating from Brooklyn College.*

**Prelude**                      **The Storm is Passing Over**                      **Performed by Alice Avouris**

**Opening Song**              **Precious Lord**                      **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.

**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:  
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.*

*For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting;  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

**Psalm 69:8-11; 18-20**

**Led by Beckett Landau**

Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.  
I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother's children.  
Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.  
I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach.  
Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me.'

"Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.  
Draw near to me and redeem me; \*  
because of my enemies deliver me.

*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 Luke Saghir**

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. The word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

**Read by Deacon John Musco**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

and one's foes will be members of one's own household.  
Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." The word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

## **Homily**

### **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](http://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 Philip Hunter**

*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.*

*Intecessor* 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 Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness;

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**

**WS 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: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

**Sung by all**

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

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

### **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. Please make sure to save that email if you are planning to come to Compline or Contemplative Prayer.*

*As we get prepared to launch the **Sacred Ground Dialogue Series** we will pause **Poverty & the Pandemic** after this Thursday. This Thursday will be our last with our theologian in residence Dr. Colleen Wessel-McCoy, who is preparing to move to Arizona for the year. This Thursday we will have an opportunity to talk about the Poor People's Campaign virtual march - all are welcome, please join us! Colleen will join us as our preacher next Sunday.*

*Thank you to those who filled out the **Return to In Person Church** survey that we sent out last week. We will be in touch in the coming week or two about our plans for coming back together in person.*

*We are moving 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@holycopostlesbrookly.com](mailto:info@holycopostlesbrookly.com) by **Friday at 5pm**.*