

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Rite II

Reflecting on Giving

Thank you to everyone who has already made their pledge to Holy Apostles for 2021. To date we have received \$142,000 in pledges which is 78% of our goal of \$180,000 in support of our common ministry. It's so exciting to be at this point and with your pledge, we will make our goal!. 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. A link to our secure e-pledge card is here: <https://forms.gle/wUqHyz3mwxHgUaTt7>

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	There's no me, there's no you	Sung by the Holy Apostles Choir
Opening Song	Jesus Calls Us	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 1

Led by Missy Trull

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that
do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

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 Lesson

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

Read by Peter Saghir

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Read by Alice Avouris

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

 'The Lord said to my Lord,

 'Sit at my right hand,

 until I put your enemies under your feet'?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Deacon John Musco

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

*If you have not made your pledge yet to Holy Apostles and would like to do so electronically,
please use this secure link:*

<https://forms.gle/wUqHyz3mwxHgUaTt7>

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 Jon DiGiambattista

Intercessor Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

Pause for a moment of silence

Intercessor For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in
Christ Jesus our Lord;
People **To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and
for ever.**

Intercessor 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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that
we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn: Immortal, Invisible

Sung by all

Immortal, invisible, God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love

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

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. All Souls and All Saints are days in the Church year when we honor our beloved departed as well as the Saints who inspire us. Adults and children over the age of 6 are invited to come to HA on Sunday, Nov 1 from 12-2 on the lawn for socially-distanced rolling and decoration of beeswax candles that can be lit in your home to honor souls and saints - past, present and future. One family unit/pod or two non-related persons per table. Sign-up required. A fee of \$15 per table/family pod. Please sign up here:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vWu-SNNQXGUa5XgmntSx2jbsxZNuoIbd_H4vLq5Dbyo/edit?usp=sharing
- *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.holyapostlesbrooklyn.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@holyapostlesbrookly.com by **Friday at 5pm.***

A link to our 10am service is now included in our prayer list that goes out on Sunday evenings.