

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Rite II

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude **Let There be Peace on Earth** **Sung by the Holy Apostles Choir**

Opening Song **I Will Trust in the Lord** **Sung by Taiwan Norris**

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:

Wisdom of Solomon

Led by Glenn Jussen

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

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 prophet Amos.

Read by Ellie Berlyn

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.
The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Read by Deacon John Musco

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon
Wilson**

The Rev. Canon Sandye

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 Julia Gannon

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *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

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: Amazing Grace

Sung by all

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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

Looking toward Advent

- This Advent and Christmas seasons will be unlike any others we have experienced. For the **four Sundays in Advent**, we will plan on Sunday morning Zoom services, and then, at 4:30pm, we will gather outside of the church, masked and socially distanced, for a 25-minute candlelight service of communion with music from a soloist.
- **Advent retreat:** we will lead a 4-week “retreat” during Advent that will meet weekly on Zoom. More information will be forthcoming.

Pledge 2021 Update

Thank you to everyone who has already made their pledge to Holy Apostles for 2021. To date we have received 44 pledges totaling \$171,640 in pledges which is 95% 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 thank the following families and individuals for their prayerful gifts to God and the church, so that we all can continue to grow and serve Christ in each other, the community, and to welcome those seeking Christ:

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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.