

# **The Last Sunday after Epiphany**

## **Sunday, February 19, 2023**

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Welcome to Holy Apostles! This bulletin is your guide to worship and it has all that you need. Our worship is taken from the Book of Common Prayer. If you have any questions during the Liturgy, don't hesitate to ask an usher or a neighbor.*

### **Preparing for Liturgical Changes in Lent Next Week**

During Lent, a penitential season where we are asked to consider our sins and turn our hearts back to God, we make changes to the liturgy and the space. The altar becomes more bare, the crosses are shrouded and the liturgical color changes from green to purple. In our liturgy, we sing a Kyrie instead of a Gloria, asking for God's mercy; Lent 1 we begin the service with the Great Litany and the Sundays after with the Penitential Order; we include the Prayer of Humble Access before receiving communion; we say, not sing the Lord's Prayer – we do not declare Alleluia. These changes help us to recognize the ways in which we need God's help in turning our hearts back to God, to make us thankful on Easter for the sacrifice of Jesus and his resurrection – his victory over death and the forgiveness of our sins.

### **Prelude & Introit**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Processional Hymn      Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!      *Hyfrydol***  
**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;**  
**Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone;**  
**Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;**  
**Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;**  
**Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:**  
**Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,**  
**Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!**  
**Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:**  
**Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,**  
**where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

### **The Collect for Purity**

*Presider*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*      And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Gloria H-119**

*Dix*

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger-bed;  
There to bend the knee before him whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy-seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ! To thee, our heavenly King.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Please be seated for the lessons*

**First Lesson**

**Read by Ann Mellow**

Deuteronomy 24:1-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*After the reading*

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 99**

**Read in unison**

*Dominus regnavit*

**The Lord is King; let the people tremble; \***

**he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**

**The Lord is great in Zion; \***

**he is high above all peoples.**

**Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \***

he is the Holy One.  
 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*  
 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."  
 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; \*  
 he is the Holy One.  
 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
 they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.  
 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
 they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.  
 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
 you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.  
 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
 for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

**Second Lesson** **2 Peter 1:16-21**  
**read by Tom Rigney**

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*After the reading*

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*All stand for the Gospel procession and reading*

**Sequence Hymn: H 135**            **Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (verses 1, 2 & 4)** *Salzburg*

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 Manifested by the star to the sages from afar;  
 Branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
 Anthems be to thee addressed, God in us made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
 And at Cana, wedding-guest, in thy God-head manifest;  
 Manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;  
 Anthems be to thee addressed, God in us made manifest.

Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light,  
 Where disciples filled with awe they transfigured glory saw.  
 When from there thou leddest them steadfast to Jerusalem,  
 Cross and Easter Day attest God in us made manifest.

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

*Gospeller*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

*People*                Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

**Allie Senyard**

*Please stand and say together*

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from The Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

**led by Larisa Shaterian**

God of wonder and mystery,  
God of the stars and the universe,  
God of winding ways and straight paths,  
we gather today with gratitude for the gift of your constant presence, your trustworthy guidance, and your daring risk-taking with us.

You dare to love us despite our inability to respond fully.  
You dare to care for us, despite our challenge in caring for others.  
You dare to walk with us, despite our fickleness.

On our own journeys toward the stars and guiding points you put before us, you continue to lead us forward, guiding us by the teachings of Jesus to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly in your loving shadow.

As we struggle with the political wrangling of this world, the wars waged for both justice and greed, the violence committed daily against the innocent, let alone the pain of broken relationships and loss, you remain steadfast in your care and devotion for your entire creation throughout the universe.

It is almost too much to take in sometimes.

And even in our doubts and disbelief, our struggle to understand and constant misunderstanding, and our flat-out ignorance about your ways, you remain constantly present to us.

We pray for peace in this world, Lord, the kind of peace in which we celebrate diversity and share in the joy that is to be found everywhere.

We pray for those who are lonely, that you might lead us to reach out and be friends.

We pray for those who are hungry, that you might lead us to offer sustenance.

We pray for those who are lost, that you might lead us to give hope and direction.

We pray for those all who have died, that you will receive them into your loving arms, and comfort all who mourn for their loved ones.

We pray for the countries of the world, that we might find a way to work together to lift one another up.

We pray for our leaders in Washington, that your Spirit might guide them to set an example for our country and the world to work together rather than against one another.

We pray for our country, that we may seek the places where we share commonality and seek to repair the divisions that are tearing us apart.

And we pray for ourselves, that we might continue on this journey, learning the lessons you offer, seeking the fullness of your perfection, and live as you would have us live.

Dear people of God, I invite you to offer your prayers by typing them into the chat or by speaking them aloud.

*You are invited to speak your intercessions aloud or to type them in the chat.*

### **The Confession of Sin & Absolution**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

*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 Peace**

*Presider* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All* **And also with you!**

**The Holy Communion**

*This is God's Table: all are welcome*

**Offertory Anthem**

*Please stand*

**Doxology**

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Presider and People sing together,*

**The Sanctus LEVAS II 255** (*Mass for a Soulful People*)

Grayson Warren Brown

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.  
Hosanna, in the highest, hosanna in the highest**

*The Presider continues,*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He

stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People,*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues,*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer LEVAS II 264**

A.H. Malotte

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

*Please remain standing and sing together*

**Fraction Anthem**

S. Shull

**We who are many, are one body,  
For we all share in the one bread,  
we all share in the one bread.**

*Please remain standing*

**Invitation to Communion**

These are the gifts for God for all of us, the people of God. Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn**

Kingsford

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;**

lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright.”

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

*All stand, and say together*

**Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn: H-618 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones.** *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, alleluia!

Cry out, dominions, prince-doms, powers, virtues, archangels, angel's choir,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises, Alleluia!

Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

**Parting Prayer** *sung to the tune of Edelweiss*

May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever,  
bind your heart to his heart 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.**

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Weekly Announcements**

**Concert Series. Sunday March 12th 4:00pm “American Icons: Brooklyn Music School”**

“American Icons: Brooklyn Music School” is the second edition of an interdisciplinary series centering the communities of New Yorkers living among monuments and public art. Activist and oral historian Cynthia Tobar has collected the stories of faculty and students of Fort Greene's Brooklyn Music School in a conversation about the role of music in shaping identity on an individual, local, and national level, and the art that is handed down generationally. Excerpts from these exchanges have been set to music by composers Molly Joyce and Matthew Ricketts, and will be given their world premiere by baritone Gregory Feldmann and pianist Nathaniel LaNasa. These new songs join a growing collection of locally created “musical monuments,” and will be performed alongside songs by Shawn Chang and Jorell Williams, the composers of “American Icons” first edition in the Bronx. The event has been made possible through a 2022 Brooklyn Arts Council Grant. By donation.

**LENT at Holy Apostles**

**Why observe a Holy Lent?**

In our society it is an accepted and encouraged value that we can go it alone, do it all ourselves without the help of others or from God. But what often happens? We can end up feeling alone, or that we've failed, or that we are not good enough. We can end turning to technology, shopping, food, alcohol, drugs to try to make us feel better and avoid the void in our lives. Or maybe we get angry at others; blame others for what is going on in our lives.

Lent provides us, the Body of Christ, the time in the church year take stock of our lives – reflect on what we are doing in and with our lives, give up those behaviors that getting in our way of living a full life – and *repent* - literally turn our hearts - back to God, and be reminded that God's love for us is unconditional and infinite –and when we are able to receive God's love, we are transformed.

**We encourage you this Lent to commit yourself to a practice  
that helps you turn your heart back to God.**

Take a moment to read over our Lenten offerings, and then use the online via Google form or the paper form in the back of the church to make your commitment. Questions? Please ask the Mothers.

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**Wednesday, February 22nd Ash Wednesday**

7pm In person and imposition of ashes with choir. Zoom will be available.

### **An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality: The Examen & the life of St. Ignatius**

Join Mother Kimberlee for a journey with St. Ignatius, the founder of the Society of Jesuits, this Lent with an 8 day daily examen retreat followed by reading *The Pilgrim's Story: The Life of St. Ignatius Loyola*. Participants are asked to commit to both parts.

- **The Daily Examen 8 Day Retreat on Zoom 10pm**

Thursday, February 23 through March 2

Begin your Lent with the spiritual practice of the Ignatian Daily Examen. Designed to help us begin to see where God is moving in our lives, this 500 year old practice helps cultivate gratitude for every day in a simple inventory of our days. No experience necessary.

Meetings last for 15 minutes each night via Zoom. Sign up is required in advance, and nightly attendance is strongly encouraged.

- **The Pilgrim's Story: The Life of St. Ignatius Loyola** by Brendan Comorford, SJ

*The Pilgrim's Story* goes beyond a simple biography to explain how the life of Saint Ignatius affected his Spiritual Exercises and describe how Ignatian spirituality can help each of us understand our own spiritual longings and experiences. The book is available for purchase at Amazon and other booksellers.

Discussions will be held Sunday, March 5 & 19 on Zoom at 8pm.

### **Integration of Mind, Body, Spirit. A Lenten practice.**

Mondays on Zoom 8pm, Sundays after the 10am service for a group walk.

Join Mother Sarah as she lead us on a journey to explore these three interconnected aspects of being our selves each need attention, care and integration. For people who are feeling suffering in any of these parts of their self we know that one of the ways we can metaphorically understand our suffering is by thinking of our life as a journey. Hoping to connect to physical, mental and spiritual selves we will embark on a journey together. Join us for a 40 day journey back towards spiritual well being from feeling lost, overwhelmed or out of control using a journal called *Christ Walk Crushed* and committing to some physical, spiritual and mental practices to help our minds, bodies and spirits move towards reconciliation. Please purchase **Christ Walk Crushed** by Anna Fitch Courie and David W. Peters available on Amazon and other book sellers.

### **Ukrainian Egg-dying**

Thursdays at 11am during Lent beginning March 2.

Join the Mothers for the ancient spiritual practice of Pysanky, aka Ukrainian egg-dying using wax and special dyes.. No previous experience necessary. Bring your lunch and spend time exercising your creative muscles during this meditative practice.

### **Lenten Half-Day Retreat: Mending our Hearts**

Saturday, March 4 10am-2pm @ Holy Apostles

Join seminarian Larisa Shaterian for a half-day Lenten retreat where we will learn basic mending, sewing, and embroidery techniques. Bring extile items to mend, make a mending sampler, embroider a mourning sash, or a combination! Materials (except for your hol(e)y clothes) will be provided in a brown bag. You are encouraged to bring your own brown bag lunch.

This workshop will ask how we display the patched places in our lives and on our clothes.

**Workshop: Fostering Love and Hope: Using Art to Transform Trauma and Stress Induced Experiences**

**Sunday, March 19 following the 10am service.**

Join artist, collaborator, consultant and educator Traci Malloy for this workshop which will include a facilitator led presentation on the ways trauma and stress impact the mind and body, and the importance of play/the arts in alleviating the stress response and generating resiliency. The presentation will also include the sharing of select art collaborations that Molloy facilitated with trauma survivors throughout the country. The workshop will conclude a hands-on artmaking component, where participants will be given the opportunity to generate creative expressions.

## **Church of the Holy Apostles**

An Open and Affirming Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Long Island

*Holy Apostles exists as God's house for all people,  
by fulfilling the spiritual yearning of our souls, teaching us how  
to live as Christians in a broken world  
by serving the needs of the greater community.*

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