

Church of the Holy Apostles

The Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 5, 2023

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. If you are new or visiting, please make sure to introduce yourself to one of the priests after the service. Instructions on when to stand and sit are in italics and the prayers and songs that we all sing or say together will be in bold. We hope that you find it easy to follow along and we encourage you to sing out for our congregational hymns.

The Liturgy of the Word

Introit & Commandments

Wednesday Afterschool

Welcome & Announcements

All stand, as are able

Processional Hymn H-401 The God of Abraham Praise

Augustine

**The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;
The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed:
We bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.**

**He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend;
We shall, on eagles wings upborne, to heaven ascend:
We shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,
And sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.**

**There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.**

Please kneel as are able, responses are in bold

The Penitential Order

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

We pause in silence as we consider our sins, and then say together

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.**

Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the

world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for the Gospel procession and reading and sing together,

Sequence Hymn: H-140 Wilt Thou Forgive That Sin

Donne

**Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which is my sin though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive those sins through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more**

**Wilt thou forgive that sin, by which I won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallowed in a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.**

**I have a sin of fear that when I've spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
Swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
Shall shine as he shines now, and here to fore.
And having done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.**

The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven,

the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Kooperkamp

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, this Lent, calm us into a quietness that heals and molds our longings and passions, our wounds and our wonderings into a more holy and human place.

Gracious and Holy One, we come to you full of much that clutters and distracts, stifles and burdens us, and makes us a burden to others. Empty us of gnawing dissatisfactions, of anxious imaginings, of nagging prejudices, of old scores to settle and of the arrogance of being right.

Empty us of the disguises and lies in which we hide ourselves from other people and from our responsibility for our neighbors and for the world. Hollow out in us a space in which we will find ourselves, find peace and a whole heart, a forgiving spirit and holiness, the springs of laughter, and the will to reach boldly for abundant life for ourselves and the whole human family.

O God, gather us now to be with you as you are with us. Soothe our tiredness; curb our aimlessness; relieve our compulsiveness. Let us be easy for a moment. Release us from the fears and guilt, which grip

us so tightly; from the expectations and opinions which we so tightly grip, that we may be open to receiving what you give, to risking something genuinely new, to learning something refreshingly different.

Forgive us for claiming so much for ourselves that we leave no room for gratitude; for confusing exercises in self-importance with the acceptance of self-worth; for complaining so much about our burdens that we become a burden ourselves; for competing against others so insidiously that we stifle celebrating them and receiving your blessings through their gifts.

Keep us in touch with ourselves, with our needs, our anxieties, with our angers, with our pains, with our brokenness—that we may claim them as our own rather than blame them on someone else.

O Lord, deepen our wounds into wisdom; shape our weaknesses into compassion; gentle our envy into enjoyment, our fear into trust, our guilt into honesty. O God, help us to release our current burdens to make space for you in our hearts and in our lives.

Dear people of God, I invite you to offer your prayers aloud or in the chat:

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

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

The Offertory

*You can give online via our website or use the offertory plate
that is passed during the offertory.*

Offertory Anthem

Please stand as are able,

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 say together,

The Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.
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.**

Remain standing as we say together

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine, is kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Remain standing as we sing together

Fraction Anthem: S161

D. Hurd

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

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.

Please come forward for communion following the invitation of the ushers.

If you wish to receive a prayer or blessing, one of the clergy will be available by the Mary statue.

Communion Hymn

Jesus Tempted in the Desert

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr

Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread:

‘Use your power,’ the tempter tells him; ‘turn these barren rocks to bread!’

‘Not alone by bread,’ he answers, ‘Can the human heart be filled.

Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!’

Jesus, tempted at the temple, high above its ancient wall:

‘Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break your fall!’

Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request:

‘God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test.’

Jesus, tempted on the mountain by the lure of vast domain:

‘Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame, you’re sure to gain!’

Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way:

‘God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey.’

**When we face temptation’s power, lonely, struggling filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter’s hour, come and be our loving bread.**

By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall, your trust betray.

Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.

All kneel, as are able, 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-495 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

In Babilone

**Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name.**

**Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid:
By almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood:
Opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.**

**Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide;
All the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou dost our place prepare;
Ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.**

The Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**All are welcome for coffee, food and fellowship
immediately after the service outside.**

Desert Places, by Robert Frost

Snow falling and night falling fast, oh, fast
In a field I looked into going past,
And the ground almost covered smooth in snow,
But a few weeds and stubble showing last.

The woods around it have it – it is theirs.
All animals are smothered in their lairs.
I am too absent-spirited to count;
The loneliness includes me unawares.

And lonely as it is, that loneliness
Will be more lonely ere it will be less –
A blanker whiteness of benighted snow
With no expression, nothing to express.

They cannot scare me with their empty spaces
Between stars – on stars where no human race is.
I have it in me so much nearer home
To scare myself with my own desert places.

Announcements

Liturgical Changes in Lent

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.

Lenten Outreach Offering

This year our Lenten outreach offering is in supporting the migrant children and their families at PS 15 - you can do so by contributing to our discretionary fund here or buy items for the Amazon wish list - there are SO MANY items on the wish list that need to be purchased from kitchen supplies to clothing. We hope we will be able to buy most of these items for the 30 plus families in need.

Weekly Announcements

Palm Sunday Band

We will be doing our annual procession of the palms on Palm Sunday at 9:30am. Do you play a portable instrument? Want to play in the Palm Sunday band during the procession? Please talk to Saya or email her at sayacallner@gmail.com

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.

50 Day of Matthew

Thinking ahead to Eastertide, where there are 50 days, we will be reading the Gospel of Matthew in 50 days! We will meet weekly to discuss the readings. If you are interested in signing up, please email info@holypostlesbrooklyn.com

We use the book from the bible challenge: The 50 Days of Matthew. We will order them and distribute. Cost is \$15/pp.