

Church of the Holy Apostles

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 19, 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

Welcome & Announcements

All stand, as are able

Processional Hymn H-690 Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah *Cum Rhondda*

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

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.**

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.*

Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

Remain kneeling

The Collect of the Day

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated for the lessons

First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 **Read in unison**

Dominus regit me

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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 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 9:1-41

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him,

“Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Revs. Sarah Kooperkamp & Kimberlee Auletta

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

God, 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

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;

Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand

Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,

Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood.

He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,

As the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,

That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

All kneel, 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: Just As I Am

William B. Bradbury

**Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

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 (through your Realm account or via our website) or buy items for the Amazon wish list (log onto Amazon and search PS 15

Winter 2023 Shopping 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.

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May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received,

and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones,

and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.

- Teresa of Ávila

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

50 Day of Matthew in Eastertide

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@holycopostlesbrooklyn.com

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

Holy Week & Easter at Holy Apostles

Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 2nd	9:30am Liturgy of the Palms: Procession with the Holy Apostles ‘Band’ 10am The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ & Holy Eucharist Followed by coffee hour with egg decorating and crafts
Maundy Thursday, April 6th	5pm Family Service with foot washing & Eucharist 7pm The Mandatum, Stripping of the Altar & Holy Eucharist
Good Friday, April 7th	12noon - 3pm The Passion, the Cross, Music & Silence
Easter Vigil, April 8th	7pm A Service of Healing
Easter Day	10am Festal Eucharist followed by the Egg Hunt for children on the lawn and lots of treats

Easter Flowers & Music

Help us fill the church with music this Holy Week and Easter, and flowers this Easter season! Saya has great music planned for us including welcoming some additional voices and musicians. We will also beautify the church this Easter with lots and lots of flowers. Forms for both are available in the back of the church and are here: <https://forms.gle/5sdo99Ep7jPdvN6h7>
Please give generously!

Easter Egg Coloring Palm Sunday!

All are welcome to join in our Easter egg coloring on Palm Sunday after the 10am service. We need folks to donate white hard boiled eggs. Please sign up with Ann Mellow if you are able to bring eggs. ann.mellow@gmail.com

Easter Candy for the Egg Hunt & Stuffing the Eggs

We are looking for candy donations to put in our eggs for the egg hunt! Small individually wrapped bite sized. **We are also looking for 3-4 volunteers who can stuff the eggs.** You can even take some home to do it! Please let Chelsea Haynes know if you can help. Her email is haynes.chelsea@gmail.com. Candy can be dropped off in the office by April 2nd. Eggs need to be filled by Saturday, April 8th.

Church clean up day: Saturday, April 8th 9am-1pm

Join us as we do a deep clean of the church and the grounds in preparation for Easter morning. Please sign up by emailing the Mothers or via this google sheet:

[!\[\]\(341b5bdc31177a6c7da7dc713da0d169_img.jpg\) Parish Clean Up Day April 8](#)

Lenten Outreach Offering

Help newly arrived migrant families at PS 15 get basic clothing and home goods to start their lives here in New York. You can either shop the amazon wish by scanning here with your phone or you can give to the discretionary fund.



Sign up to bring something savory or sweet for Easter Day!

Education for Ministry will be coordinating our festive Easter Day coffee hour. Sign up begins today to bring cakes, cookies or savory items begins today. Sign up by emailing or speaking with EfM co-coordinators Heather Kelly & Ida Love. holyapostlesefm@gmail.com

Concert Series. Sunday April 23rd 4:00pm Clarinet and Piano duo concert

We are excited to host the critically acclaimed clarinet and piano duo Louis Arquez and Milena Zhivotovskaya in our concert series. By donation.