

Church of the Holy Apostles

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 7, 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

Prelude & Introit

Welcome & Announcements

Processional Hymn H - 304 I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord *Land of Rest*

**I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.**

Easter Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity

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: S280

Robert Powell

**Glory to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.
Lord God, heaven-ly King, a-lmigh-ty God and Fa-ther,
we wor-ship you we give you thanks we praise you for your glo-ry.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us;
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; receive our prayer.**

**For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,
with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the lessons

The First Lesson

read by Steve Geick

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (7:55-60)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

read in unison

In te, Domine, speravi

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *

deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; *

make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *

for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *

for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, *

for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

My times are in your hand; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Lesson

read by Erin McNaughton

A reading from the first letter of Peter (2:2-10)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in

scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for the Gospel procession and reading

Sequence Hymn H - 457 Thou Art the Way

St. James

**Thou art the Way, to thee alone from sin and death we flee;
And all who would the Father seek, must seek him, Lord by thee.**

**Thou art the Truth, thy word alone true wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst inform the mind and purify the heart.**

**Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life; grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win, whose joy eternal flow.**

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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.

Please remain standing for the prayers

The Prayers of the People Form II

led by Carol Oliver

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishop: Larry, Bill, Gerry and Daniel; for this gathering; and for all
ministers and people.
Pray for the Church. *Pause*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray
especially for the people of the Ukraine and Russia and for the people of the Sudan.
Pray for justice and peace. *Pause*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the unhoused, the oppressed, those who are in the
throes of addiction and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Pause*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.
Pray that they may find and be found by God. *Pause*

I ask your prayers for those who will receive the sacrament of Baptism at Pentecost: Frankie, Sam and
Danny. Pray for them and their families during this time of preparation. *Pause*

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died. *Pause*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Pause*

I invite you to offer your own prayers of thanksgiving or intercession aloud or in the chat.

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

The presider offers a concluding collect.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

This is God's Table: all are welcome

The Offertory

A collection for the church is taken up during the offertory anthem. 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 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.

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 Anthem L-154 Taste and See

James E. Moore, Jr

[Refrain] Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times. God's praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me.
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name. I called the Lord and God answered me; from all my troubles God set me free.

3. Worship the Lord all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that God is good; in God we need put all our trust.

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-518 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation *(verses 1, 3 & 4) Westminster Abbey*

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone
Chosen of the Lord, and Precious, binding all the Church in one
Holy Zion's help for ever and her confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray.
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away.**

**Here vouch-safe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain;
What they gain from thee, forever with the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.**

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

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

Announcements

72nd Precinct Community Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 9th @ 7pm

Join CO Captain Krystin Suarez and community affairs officers for their regular community meeting which will be held in the undercroft this month.

Gamelan Yawana Sari Concert and Workshop - Sunday, May 21st

Workshop at 1:30pm - details to come including cost

Performance at 4pm By donation

The event will be held outside. (If rains, it will be in the sanctuary)

Gamelan Yowana Sari is a Balinese art ensemble in residence at Aaron Copland School of Music (Queens College). Since its foundation in 2011, Gamelan Yowana Sari has performed in major festivals in the US and also in Bali. Yowana Sari's program blends traditional, classical dance pieces with contemporary compositions by Balinese and American composers, such as I Dewa Ketut Alit and Evan Ziporyn. The event includes an instrument petting zoo, and a perfect concert for audiences of all ages!

Community Dinner

Join us this Wednesday for Community Dinner. Sign up in the back of the church.

Brooklyn Pride

Saturday, June 10th in the evening

We look forward to participating with the Diocese of LI in this year's Brooklyn Pride parade. All are welcome to join. At this moment we are looking for **volunteers to organize** sign making and to serve as conveners for Holy Apostles. Interested and willing? Please email the Mothers at info@holypostlesbrooklyn.com

All Request Summer Music: Hymns & Sing Alongs

Forms available beginning today!

This summer will once again be all request hymns and sing alongs - this is the moment to cast your vote and make your suggestions. 9am summer services run from June 18-September 3. All hymn and sing along suggestions welcome. Forms are available in the back of the church and the link is in the weekly newsletter.

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An 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.*

The Rev. Kimberlee Auletta & The Rev. Sarah Kooperkamp

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The Church office is open Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 9am-4pm.

Please email the Mothers if you would like to meet with them at
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