

Church of the Holy Apostles

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 14, 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-488 Be Thou My Vision (verses 1-3)

Slane

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

The First Lesson

read by Megan Arnold

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (17:22-31)

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:7-18

Read in unison

Jubilate Deo

Bless our God, you peoples;

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life,

and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us;

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare;

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows,

which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;

I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Second Lesson

read by Dana Taplin

A reading from the first letter of Peter (3:13-22)

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father,

and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. 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.**

Please remain standing for the prayers

The Prayers of the People Form II

led by Erin McNaughton

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. We pray for our
nation and our divisions that cause us unrest in our hearts and violence.
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 Frankie, who will receive the sacrament of Baptism at Pentecost. Pray for her and
her family during this time of preparation. *Pause*

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

I ask your prayers for all mothers and mother figures on this Mother's Day. *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

Resessional Hymn: H-400

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams,

O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessings on our way,

O praise God, Alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:

O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,

O praise God, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise God, O praise God, 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

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

Announcements

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

Workshop at 1:30pm - registration required. Limited to 30, cost \$30 per person.

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 for community dinner this Wednesday. Sign up online. QR code is in the back of the church and link is in the email.

Brooklyn Pride - volunteer organizers needed!

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

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 hymns and sing along suggestions are welcome. Forms are available in the back of the church and the link is in the weekly newsletter.

Parish BBQ - Sunday, June 11th

Join us after the 10am service on June 11th as we celebrate the conclusion of the program year. Please sign up online to bring a side dish - salad, fruit, dessert, beverages, etc.

Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation

Bishop Franklin will be joining us to celebrate All Saints Day, November 5th. This is an opportunity for adults in the community who are interested in being confirmed (if you haven't been in another denomination), be received into the Episcopal Church (if you have been

confirmed in another denomination) or to make a reaffirmation of your adult faith as you did in the Episcopal Church at your confirmation. We will have a class in the fall to prepare all who are interested. Please email the Mothers if you would like more information.

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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
Co-Rectors

Saya Callner
Director of Music

Allie Senyard
Seminarian

Phillip Hunter
Crucifer

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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