

Church of the Holy Apostles

The Feast of the Ascension

Sunday, May 21, 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 - 460 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.

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, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated for the lessons

The First Lesson

read by Peter Saghir

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-11)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47 Read in unison

Omnes gentes, plaudite

Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
He chooses our inheritance for us, *

the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
 God has gone up with a shout, *
 the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
 sing praises to our King, sing praises.
 For God is King of all the earth; *
 sing praises with all your skill.
 God reigns over the nations; *
 God sits upon his holy throne.
 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
 with the people of the God of Abraham.
 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
 and he is highly exalted.

The Second Lesson

read by Tom Rigney

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians (1:15-23)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Luke 24:44-53

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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.

Please remain standing for the prayers

The Prayers of the People Form II

led by Alice Avouris

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops: 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 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*

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 Performed by the New York Mixed Chorus

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: H450 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

**All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!**

**Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call:
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!**

**Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!
The God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!**

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

**Please stay for our special 15 minute performance by the New York Mixed Chorus
conducted by Saya Callner**

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

Announcements

Gamelan Yawana Sari Concert and Workshop - Today!

Workshop at 1:30~3:00pm \$30

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

There is no community dinner this week. We return on May 31.

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@holyapostlesbrooklyn.com

All Request Summer Music: Hymns & Sing Alongs DEADLINE 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 hymns and sing along suggestions are welcome. Forms are available in the back of the church and the link is in the weekly newsletter. Deadline is TODAY

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.

 BBQ Pot Luck June 11 2023

Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation

Bishop Franklin will be joining us to celebrate All Saints Day, November 5th or November 15th (TBD).

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.

Church of the Holy Apostles

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
Seminararian

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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