

**Church of the Holy Apostles**  
**The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany**  
**January 28, 2024**



*E. Flako*

## *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 (as able) 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. Citations that begin with an "H" are found in the blue book, The Hymnal 1982. Those that begin with an "L" are found in the red book, Lift Every Voice and Sing.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Prelude & Introit**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

*All stand and sing*

### **Processional Hymn: H-616**

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!**

**Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!**

**He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

**He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.**

**O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest;  
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.**

### **Opening Sentences**

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

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

### **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.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you we give you thanks we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Presider*           The Lord be with you.

*People*           **And also with you.**

*Presider*           Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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*

**The First Lesson**

read by Ellen Correia Golay

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (18:15-20)

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

*Reader*           The word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 111**

**Read in unison**

*Confitebor tibi*

**Hallelujah!**

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.**

**Great are the deeds of the Lord! \***

**they are studied by all who delight in them.**

**His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.  
He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.  
He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.  
He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.  
The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.  
They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.  
He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.**

## **The Second Lesson**

read by Ann Mellow

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (8:1-13)

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and sing*

**Sequence Hymn: H-488**

*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 my 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.**

**The Holy Gospel**

**Mark 1:21-28**

*Gospeller*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Sarah Kooperkamp

*All stand and say*

## **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*

## **The Prayers of the People**

led by Jennifer Helminski

God of wonder and mystery,

God of the stars and the universe,

God of winding ways and straight paths,

we gather today with gratitude for the gift of your constant presence, your trustworthy guidance, and your daring risk-taking with us.

You dare to love us despite our inability to respond fully.

You dare to care for us, despite our challenge in caring for others.

You dare to walk with us, despite our fickleness.

On our own journeys toward the stars and guiding points you put before us, you continue to lead us forward, guiding us by the teachings of Jesus to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly in your loving shadow.

As we struggle with the political wrangling of this world, the wars waged for both justice and greed, the violence committed daily against the innocent, let alone the pain of broken relationships and loss, you remain steadfast in your care and devotion for your entire creation throughout the universe.

It is almost too much to take in sometimes.

And even in our doubts and disbelief, our struggle to understand and constant misunderstanding, and our flat-out ignorance about your ways, you remain constantly present to us.

We pray for peace in this world, Lord, the kind of peace in which we celebrate diversity and share in the joy that is to be found everywhere.

We pray for those who are lonely, that you might lead us to reach out and be friends.

We pray for those who are hungry, that you might lead us to offer sustenance.

We pray for those who are lost, that you might lead us to give hope and direction.

We pray for those all who have died, that you will receive them into your loving arms, and comfort all who mourn for their loved ones.

We pray for the countries of the world, that we might find a way to work together to lift one another up.

We pray for our leaders in Washington, that your Spirit might guide them to set an example for our country and the world to work together rather than against one another.

We pray for our country, that we may seek the places where we share commonality and seek to repair the divisions that are tearing us apart.

And we pray for ourselves, that we might continue on this journey, learning the lessons you offer, seeking the fullness of your perfection, and live as you would have us live.

Dear people of God, I invite you to offer your prayers by typing them into the chat or by speaking them aloud.

*At this moment you are invited to offer your prayers of thanksgiving or intercession aloud.*

*The presider offers a concluding collect.*

### **The Confession of Sin & Absolution:**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

*All*                    **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 my delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen**

*Presider*

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.

## **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, this QR code or use the offertory plate that is passed during the offertory.*



### **Offertory Anthem**

*All stand and sing*

#### **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:



**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:

**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: L-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.**

*Please remain standing*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**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.**

**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. Extend your hands to receive the consecrated bread. To receive the consecrated wine, please sip directly from the chalice, or if you prefer intinction, please leave the wafer in your hand to allow the minister to dip it.*

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

*This is a congregational hymn. All are invited to sing.*

**Communion Hymn: H-304**

*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.**

**Communion Anthem**

*All stand and say*

**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-438**

*Woodland*

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!**

### **Parting Prayer**

*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**

*Join us for coffee half-hour on the lawn following the service. All are welcome!  
Thank you to Morgan McGuire and Emily Hursh for hosting coffee hour last week.*

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