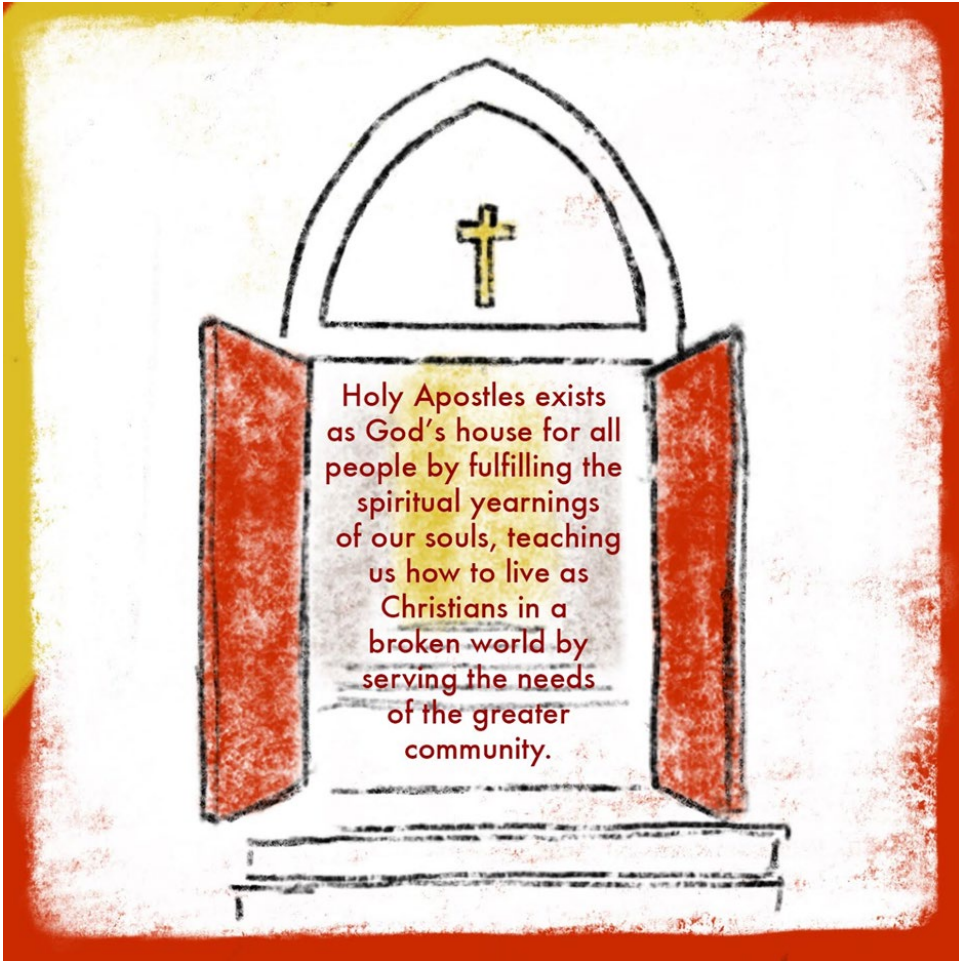


**Church of the Holy Apostles**  
**The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**with Confirmations & Receptions**  
**Sunday, November 12, 2023**



*E. Flake*

*Welcome to Holy Apostles!*

*This bulletin is your guide to worship and it has all that you need. Our worship is from the Book of Common Prayer 1979. 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 say or sing together are **bolded**. 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-8**

**Morning has broken**

*Bunessan*

**Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!**

## Opening Sentences

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

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

*Bishop* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Bishop* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

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

*Bishop* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made

like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The First Lesson**

read by Erin McNaughton

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (6:12-16)

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,  
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,  
and is found by those who seek her.  
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.  
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,  
for she will be found sitting at the gate.  
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,  
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,  
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,  
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,  
and meets them in every thought.

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 70      Read in unison**

*Deus, in adiutorium*

**Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \***

**O LORD make haste to help me.**

**Let those who seek my life be ashamed**

**and altogether dismayed; \***

**let those who take pleasure in my misfortune**

**draw back and be disgraced.**

**Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \***

**because they are ashamed.**

**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \***

**let those who love your salvation say for ever,**

**"Great is the LORD!"**

**But as for me, I am poor and needy; \***

**come to me speedily, O God.**

**You are my helper and my deliverer; \***

**O LORD do not tarry.**

## Second Lesson

read by Stuart Matthewman

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.

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

*All stand and sing*

**Sequence Hymn: H-632**

**O Christ, the Word Incarnate**

*Munich*

**O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;  
We praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page,  
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

**The Church from our dear Master received the word divine,  
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.**

**O make thy Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,  
to bear before the nations thy true light as of old;  
O teach thy wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.**

## The Holy Gospel

**Matthew 25:1-13**

*Gospeller*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout,



**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop*  
*People*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Bishop*  
*People*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop*  
*People*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop*  
*People*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop*  
*People*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop*  
*People*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

led by Tom Rigney

*Bishop*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Leader*  
*People*

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*  
*People*

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*  
*People*

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*  
*People*

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People*                    **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*                    Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People*                    **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*                    Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People*                    **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Bishop*                    Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **For Confirmation**

*Bishop*                    Strengthen, O Lord, your servants [Ellen Correia Golay, Stuart Matthewman] with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life. **Amen.**

### **For Reception**

*Bishop*                    [Jacob Arnold, Megan Arnold, Geoffrey Kurtz, Erin McNaughton] we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

*Bishop*                    Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Bishop*                    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

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

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

*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Bishop* 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:

**The Sanctus: L-255**

G. W. 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 Bishop 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 Bishop 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

The gifts for God, the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your 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: L-149      In remembrance of me

B. Red; arr. R. Douglas

**In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.  
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.**

**In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.  
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in. Let him in.**

**Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too.  
That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.**

**In remembrance of me search for truth. In remembrance of me always love.  
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart look for God.  
Do this in remembrance of me.**

## 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

*Bishop*      Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People*      **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop*      Blessed be the Name of the Lord

*People*      **From this time forth for evermore.**

*Bishop*            The blessing, mercy and grace of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

*People*            Amen.

**Recessional Hymn: H-376      Joyful, joyful, we adore thee**

*Hymn to Joy*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays.  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**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!**

**For weekly announcements, please see our insert and our weekly e-newsletter.**

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# 2024 Pledge Campaign

Dear Friends in Christ,

We've completed our second week of our annual giving campaign at Holy Apostles with **43 pledges totaling \$136,433—we are more than half way to our goal of \$250,000!** This is amazing and a real testament to the commitment of our community to make Holy Apostles a vibrant and welcoming neighborhood church.

For the past seven years, we have been committed to offering and developing programs that help all of us to seek a deeper relationship with God through Christ: from Sunday School, to Wednesday afterschool, community dinner, a robust choir, concerts, adult education programs throughout the year, arts & crafts, opportunities for outreach with PS 15 and God's Love We Deliver, Education for Ministry and so much more.

We can continue to offer these programs because of your support—your financial support and the gift of your time. **Together, we make Holy Apostles a vibrant church where we continue to figure out how, with God's help, we live as Christians in the world, serving our neighbors and we are nourished and strengthened in worship.**

Thank you to all who have pledged so far. For those of you who would like to pledge and help us reach our goal so that we can continue to offer the programming and worship that helps to make Holy Apostles so special, fill out your pledge card on Realm: [onrealm.org/holyapostles/AddPledge/pledge2024](http://onrealm.org/holyapostles/AddPledge/pledge2024)

We thank the following families and individuals for their prayerful gifts to God and the church, so that we all can continue to grow and serve Christ in each other, the community, and to welcome those seeking Christ:

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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.*

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Participating as presenters in today's service:  
Brenda Alleyne, Emily Hursh, Keisha Lightbourne, Glenn Jussen, Karan Merry, TK

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