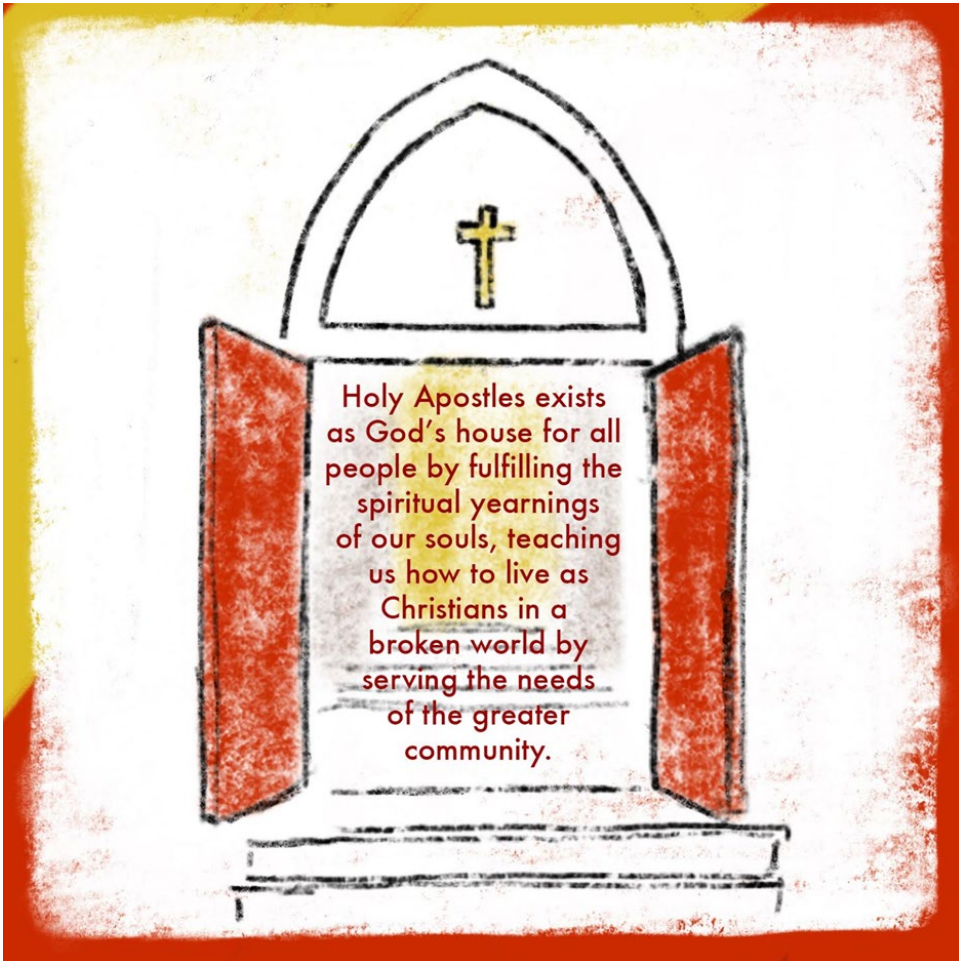


# Church of the Holy Apostles

## The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

### Sunday, November 19, 2023



*E. Flake*

## *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-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!**

### **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.**

**The Gloria: H-S280**

R. Powell

**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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Alice Avouris

A reading from the book of Zephaniah (1:7, 12-18)

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the

fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

*Reader*           The word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 90:1-8, 12       Read in unison**

*Domine, refugium*

**Lord, you have been our refuge \***

**from one generation to another.**

**Before the mountains were brought forth,**

**or the land and the earth were born, \***

**from age to age you are God.**

**You turn us back to the dust and say, \***

**"Go back, O child of earth."**

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \***

**and like a watch in the night.**

**You sweep us away like a dream; \***

**we fade away suddenly like the grass.**

**In the morning it is green and flourishes; \***

**in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

**For we consume away in your displeasure; \***

**we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.**

**Our iniquities you have set before you, \***

**and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

**So teach us to number our days \***

**that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

**Second Lesson**

read by Peter Saghir

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians (5:1-11)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*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, whines 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 quick-sands, 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 25:14-30**

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be

taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.””

*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 Form II**

led by Ellen Correia Golay

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops: Larry, Bill, Gerry and Daniel; for this gathering; for our priests Sarah and Kimberlee 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 Ukraine, Russia, Israel, West Bank and Gaza.

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 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.

*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 may 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:

## 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 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.*

**Communion Hymn: H-341      For the bread which you have broken      *Omni die*  
For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

**As our blessed ones adore you, seated at our Father's board  
may the Church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.**

**In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward,  
in the word to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

*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.**

**A Special Blessing**

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn: L-226      Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory      *Battle Hymn of the Republic*  
Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored  
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword  
His truth is marching on**

**[Refrain] Glory, glory Hallelujah! Glory, glory Hallelujah! Glory, glory Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.**

**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. [Refrain]**

**In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me  
As He died to make all holy, let us live to make all free  
While God is marching on [Refrain]**

### **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!*

## **2024 Pledge Campaign**

Dear Friends in Christ,

We've completed the third week of our annual giving campaign with **50 pledges totaling \$159,435—more than 60% of 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.

As we come upon Thanksgiving we are so grateful for the myriad of ways we come together as the church to support the ministries at Holy Apostles—through pledging, giving to the discretionary fund, volunteering to serve, offering your creative gifts and so much more.

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 at:  
[onrealm.org/holyapostles/AddPledge/pledge2024](https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/AddPledge/pledge2024)

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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.*

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