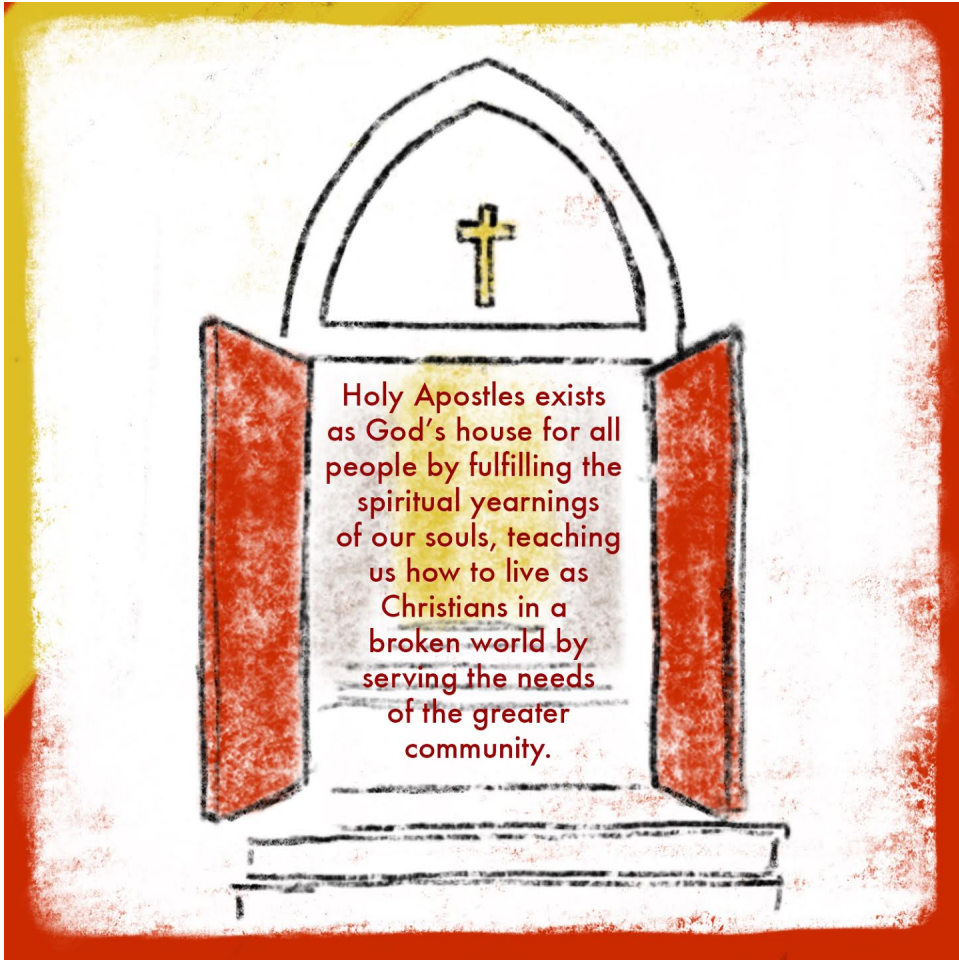


Church of the Holy Apostles
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2024
Holy Eucharist



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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

Welcome & Announcements

All stand and sing

Processional Hymn: H-574

St. Petersburg

**Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:
give us a conscience quick to feel, a ready mind to understand
the meaning of thy chastening hand;
whate'er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O Father, nearer thee.**

**Search out our hearts and make us true;
help us to give to all their due. From love of pleasure, lust of gold,
from sins which make the heart grow cold,
wean us and train us with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.**

**Let the fierce fires which burn and try,
our inmost spirits purify: consume the ill; purge out the shame;
O God, be with us in the flame;
a new-born people may we rise, more pure, more true, more nobly wise.**

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Lesson

read by Heather Kelly

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (50:4-9a)

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

Psalm 116:1-8 **Read in unison** *Dilexi, quoniam*

**I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

**The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.**

**Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."**

**Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.**

**The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.**

**Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.**

**For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the land of the living.**

The Second Lesson

read by Tom Rigney

A reading from letter of James (3:1-12)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we

curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and sing

Sequence Hymn H-632O 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

Mark 8:27-38

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can

they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Kimberlee Auletta

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 Ann Mellow

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops: Larry, Bill, Gerry and Daniel; for Kimberlee and Sarah our priests, 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 Gaza, Israel, 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 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 at
holyapostlesbrooklyn.com or use the plate that is passed.*

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. The appropriate verbal response when receiving the sacrament is "Amen."

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 glorify 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.

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

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: L-136

Indian Folk Melody

**I have decided to follow Jesus (x3)
No turning back, no turning back.**

**Though no one join me, still I will follow (x3)
No turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me (x3)
No turning back, no turning back.**

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.

Thank you to all who brought food for our BBQ last week and to James Topping and Peter Saghir for BBQ'ing!

Save the Dates

Wednesday, September 18th – Evening Prayer

Friday, September 27th – 1st Youth Group

Saturday, October 5th – Fiber Arts/Crafting

Sunday, October 6th – Blessing of the Animals

Please speak with Ann Mellow and Peter Saghir after church today if you are interested in getting involved and volunteering at Holy Apostles. They will have a table set up right outside the church.

For a full schedule of events and descriptions, please sign up for our weekly emails.

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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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