

# **Church of the Holy Apostles**

## **An Order of Worship for the Evening**

**Second Sunday after Christmas Day**



Sunday, January 3, 2021  
5:15 p.m.

*A contemplative prelude is played by the bluegrass musicians.  
This is a time to prepare ourselves for worship.*

*The Officiant may first briefly address the People.*

## **The Service of Light**

*All stand, and the service begins with this greeting*  
Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*The following, or some other appropriate Short Lesson of  
Scripture may be read*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

*John 1:1-5*

*The Officiant then says the Prayer for Light, using the following or some other suitable prayer, first saying*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The candles at the Altar are now lighted.*

*The following hymn is then said by all*

O Gracious Light        *Phos hilaron*

**O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

*The People are seated, and there follows*

The Psalm Appointed

Psalm 145

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

*At the end of the Psalm is said*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Lesson**

*The People remain seated for the Lesson and Canticle.*

A Reading from John (6:41-47)

Then they began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has

heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

*After the Lesson the Reader says*  
The word of the Lord.

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

*After the Reading, one of the following canticles is said*

The Song of Mary        *Magnificat*  
*Luke 1:46-55*

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*or this*

The Song of Simeon        *Nunc dimittis*  
*Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Meditation  
*An instrumental offering by the bluegrass musicians*

The Apostles' Creed

*Together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
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.  
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. Amen.**

## The Prayers

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven:**

**hallowed be 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 trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

***We entreat you, O Lord.***

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

***We entreat you, O Lord.***

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

***We entreat you, O Lord.***

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

***We entreat you, O Lord.***

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

***We entreat you, O Lord.***

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

*The Officiant then says the following Collects, or others as appropriate*

The Collect of the Day – Second Sunday after Christmas Day  
O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list:

**Fred, Marilyn, Wendie, Brooke, Robbie, Abigail, Gloria, Bob, Nathaniel, Ronnie, Gia, Allegra, Bonnie, Tom, David, Kim, Nancy, Edna, Neil, Leona, Leo, Beth, Gina, Phillip, Katherine, Brad, Betty, Judy, Dudley**

*The People may add their own intercessions and thanksgivings.*

*The Officiant and People say this closing prayer together*

**Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing**

**upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. Amen.**

### **The Blessing and Dismissal**

*The service concludes with a blessing or dismissal, or both, to which the People respond*

***Thanks be to God.***

*Postlude by the bluegrass musicians*

This service is according to 'An Order of Worship for the Evening,' as found in the Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church.

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