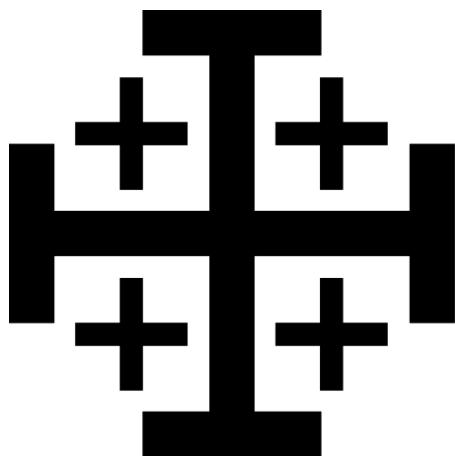


# Church of the Holy Apostles

An Order of Worship  
for the Evening

First Sunday in Lent



Sunday, February 21st  
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*  
Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

**People**            **His mercy endures for ever.**

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

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,  
that God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say  
that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in  
darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the  
light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one  
another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

*I John 1:5-7*

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

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of love,  
that by its cleansing flame we may be purged of all our sins and  
made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **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  
*(as printed in the service leaflet insert)*

*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 Lessons**

*The First Lesson, as printed in the service leaflet insert, is read by  
the Reader.*

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

**People            Thanks be to God.**

*Then one of the following canticles is said by all*

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  
*Luke 2:29-32*

*Nunc dimittis*

**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.**

*The Second Lesson, as printed in the service leaflet insert, is  
read by the Reader.*

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

**People Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The 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 – First Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be  
tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by  
many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of  
us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ  
your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy  
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of  
your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

A Prayer for Mission

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore:  
Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you,  
all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women  
everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list:

**Fred, Marilyn, Brooke, Robbie, Abigail, Gloria, Bob,  
Nathaniel, Ronnie, Gia, Bonnie, Tom, Kim, Phillip, Katherine,  
Brad, Betty, Judy, Brian, Ken, Sarah, David, Nancy**

*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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