



*Holy Eucharist (Rite Two)
Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 28, 2021
10:00 a.m.*

Welcome to Holy Apostles for this celebration of the Holy Eucharist. We are glad to have you with us!

For your safety, and out of love of neighbor, please wear masks and observe social distance between households throughout the service.

Concern for our neighbor also dictates that we not sing as a congregation at this time, but we are blessed to have ministers of music offering our praises to God this morning, and we join with them in spirit, "singing and making melody to the Lord in our hearts" (Eph. 5:19).

Monetary gifts may be placed in the offering plate before the service—the plate will not be passed around at the offertory.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion from the Lord's Table. If you have not been baptized and would like to learn more about this sacrament, please contact one of the clergy.

Prelude

Durch Adams Fall ist gang verderbt

Dietrich Buxtehude

(Please be respectful of those who may be praying during this time.)

The Liturgy of the Word

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy endures forever.

The people kneeling, the Celebrant says the Decalogue

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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.**

The priest, stands and says

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. **Amen.**

Kyrie

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Cantor or Choir *All* *Cantor or Choir*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

All *Cantor or Choir* *All*

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect

O GOD, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit

A Reading from Genesis (*Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*)

WHEN ABRAM was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22-30 (*sung by Cantors*)



- ²² Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob’s line, give glory.
- ²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- ²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- ²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
“May your heart live for ever!”
- ²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- ²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- ²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- ²⁹ My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.
- ³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

A Reading from Romans (*Romans 4:13-25*)

FOR THE PROMISE that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s

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.

Prayers of the People *(Form V)*

Deacon or other leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Phoebe our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America (Anglican cycle of prayer)

For those in Temporary, Annual Vows, and in First Profession (Anglican Religious Orders cycle of prayer)

For Church of the Holy Apostles, Collierville (West TN Diocesan cycle of prayer)

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray 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

We give thanks for all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially:

David Olive

Will Krieger

Betsy Leslie

Kathryn Carter

Beverly Hollingsworth

Bill Scofield

Jacki Rodriguez

Kevin Edwards

Phillip Austin

Stacey and Glenn Hopper

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Jerry Crook, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

A Prayer for the Parish (said by all)

Faithful and loving God, you trace our journeys and our resting places and are acquainted with all our ways. Sustain Holy Apostles with your grace during this time of transition; bless us with joy, beauty, and wonder, and bind us together in fellowship and love. Empower us to continue to be a place of refuge for the weary and companionship for the pilgrim. Raise up for us a pastor who will care for your people, equip us for our ministries, and shine a light on your path. Grant that we may walk with you in the Way of Love, and reflect your goodness and light always. This we pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

The People's offerings of bread, wine, and money or other gifts, are placed upon the Altar. When directed by the Celebrant, the People stand.

Offertory

God of mercy, God of grace

Jerry Davidson

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel

The Celebrant 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant 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 forever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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,

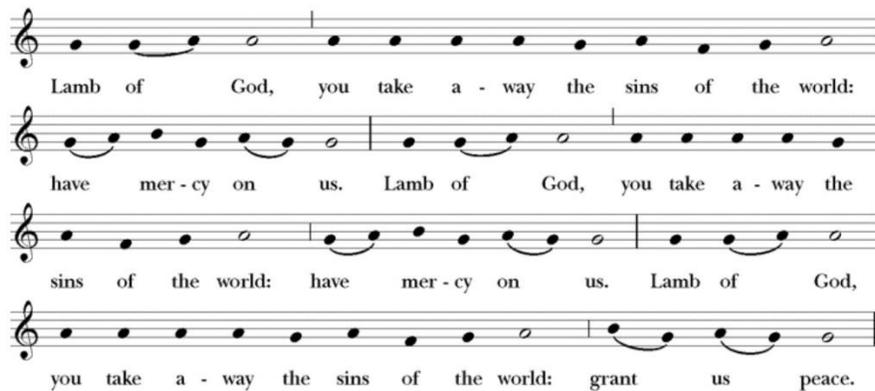
and the power, and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Ushers will direct family groups to approach the altar rail to receive Holy Communion, which will be administered in one kind (Bread only). Please remain masked and return by the side aisle to your pew to consume the Sacrament there.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, but desire a blessing, indicate this by folding your arms across your chest.

Communion Hymns

Rock of ages, cleft for me

Hymn 685

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

A solemn Prayer over the People is said, the Deacon first saying

Bow down before the Lord.

The People kneel and the Celebrant says the following prayer

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses the people with these words

People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**TODAY'S SERVERS (02/28/21)****10:00 a.m.****Lector/Intercessor:** Andrea Smith**Acolyte:** Rafael Rodriguez**Greeters/Ushers:** Bob Abney, Ronnie Kelly**Altar Guild this week:** Team #1, Captain – Bonnie Klodzinski**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Lenten Family Devotions****Sundays at 6:00 pm**

Join us on our journey through Lent with Family Devotions on Sundays at 6:00 pm. Check the website for the Zoom link.

Stations of the Cross**Fridays in Lent, 12:30 pm**

Father Clay will offer this traditional service of prayers every Friday in Lent, at 12:30 pm, in the nave.

Lenten Book Study in March**Wednesdays at 5:30 pm**

A former Archbishop of Canterbury, and one of the leading Christian thinkers of our day, Rowan Williams has distilled the fundamentals of the faith into his short book *Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer* (Eerdmans, 2014). Here Williams explores “what those activities tell us about the essence of Christian life, and what kind of people we might hope to become in a community where these things are done.” As author and reviewer Lillian Daniel puts it, “Williams entices us all to go deeper by reviewing the basics. It takes a theologian of depth to write a simple book about complex concerns.”

Wednesdays in March, Fr. Clay will lead a weekly discussion of the book, covering one of its four chapters each week. A few copies are available in the parish office, or the book may be purchased online. Discussions will be over Zoom (link in the weekly parish email) at 5:30 pm, beginning March 3rd.

Bishop's Visitation**Sunday, March 14th**

Our Bishop, the Right Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf, has scheduled her annual visitation to Holy Apostles for Sunday, March 14th. She will preach and preside at our 10:00 am service of Holy Eucharist on that day. If you are interested in being confirmed or received when the Bishop visits, contact Father Clay.

The current safety precautions for in-person worship will be observed (thus, no festive reception, as in past years), and the service will also be livestreamed and recorded. We hope you can join us for this important event in our community life.

Lenten Food Drive

Now through Easter Sunday

The 2021 Lenten Food Drive is off to a great start! Even if you can't attend the Sunday service in person, you can make donations any time the church is open on weekdays. Two bins are set up in the East Vestibule for your contributions. Any non-perishable food or personal toiletry items are appreciated and will be given away. Items most in need right now are breakfast cereals, powdered potatoes, jams/jellies, jello, vienna sausages, condiments and toilet paper. Thanks again for your generosity and kindness!

Bushes and Shrubs for the Church

Spring is just around the corner and we will be replacing some of the bushes and shrubs in front of the church. If you wish to donate towards the plantings, any amount is appreciated, and you can contribute in honor or memory of a loved one. Send or drop off a check in the parish office or donate online!

Weekly Offerings

Sunday

Holy Eucharist at the church at 10:00 am in the Nave.

Live Stream of 10:00 am service **on YouTube**

(direct link to channel on www.holyapostlestin.net)

Children's Chapel/Sunday School lesson on Facebook.

Bluegrass Evening Prayer at the church at 5:15 pm in the Nave.

(Bluegrass Mass on the first Sunday of the month)

Monday

Men's Bible Study at 7:00 am.

Tuesday

Adult Bible Study via Zoom at 6:30 pm.

Wednesday

Morning Prayer with Father Clay at 10:00 am on Facebook.

Prime Timers Zoom Gathering via Zoom at 11:00 am (*every other week*).

Compline for Parish Choir via Zoom at 6:30 pm.

EYC **Midweek** at 7:15 pm via Zoom.

EYC **Compline** at 8:00 pm on Instagram.

Thursday

Women's Bible Study via Zoom at 11:00 am.

Adult Bible Study via Zoom at 6:30 pm.

Friday

Stations of the Cross at 12:30 pm in the Nave.

Compline with Father Clay at 8:00 pm on Facebook.

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*To provide a welcoming community in which all can, with open hearts and open minds,
receive God's grace through worship, fellowship, learning and outreach to others.*