

HOLY APOSTLES



Holy Eucharist with Confirmation (Rite Two) Fourth Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 14, 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

Adagio from Sonata 3

Alexandre Guilmant

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

The Liturgy of the Word and Confirmation

The people standing, the Bishop says

	Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People	His mercy endures forever.
<i>Bishop</i>	There is one Body and one Spirit;
People	There is one hope in God’s call to us;
<i>Bishop</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People	One God and Father of all.
<i>Bishop</i>	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
<i>Bishop</i>	Let us pray.

The Bishop says the Collect

GRACIOUS FATHER, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit

A Reading from Numbers (*Numbers 21:4-9*)

FROM MOUNT HOR the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses,

“Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (*Sung by cantors*)



- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- ² Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- ³ He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- ¹⁷ Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- ¹⁸ They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- ¹⁹ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- ²⁰ He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- ²¹ Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- ²² Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

A Reading from Ephesians (Ephesians 2:1-10)

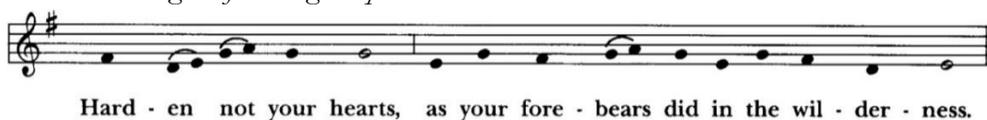
YOU WERE DEAD through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

All stand

The Gospel Tract

The Cantors sing the following antiphon and verse



The Lord is my portion;
I promise to keep your words -Psalm 119:57

Still standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

(John 3:14-21)

JESUS SAID, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Phoebe A. Roaf

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

The Bishop asks the candidates
Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he/she* may continue yours forever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he/she* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Bishop says to the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Bishop may begin 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 Bishop, the People stand.

Offertory

I will bow

Shaker hymn,
arr. Frederick Chatfield

*I will bow and be simple, I will bow and be free;
I will bow and be humble, yea, bow like a willow tree.
I will bow - this is the token, I will wear the easy yoke;
I will bow and be broken. I will fall upon the rock.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The People remain standing. The Bishop faces them and says

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Bishop 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 Bishop 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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

Bishop and People

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 Bishop 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:

Bishop and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Bishop 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.**

Bishop

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

People and Bishop

**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 Bishop breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction

Antiphon
Cantor; then All
Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Cantor
1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven
and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er
believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread
which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

Facing the people, the Bishop says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Usbers 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

*O love of God, how strong and true
Bread of the world, in mercy broken*

Hymn 455
arr. Carlton Young

After Communion, the Bishop says

Let us pray.

Bishop 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.**

The Bishop blesses the people, first saying

People Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
People **From this time forth and for evermore.**

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. Amen.

The Deacon dismisses the people with these words

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

Postlude

Create in me a clean heart, O God

J. G. Walther



TODAY'S SERVERS (03/14/21)

10:00 a.m.

Lector/Intercessor: Kevin Kenny

Acolyte: Mary Katherine Arthur

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Abney, Mike Siegel

Altar Guild this week: Team #3, Captain – Maggie Beason

We rejoice this day with those who are being Confirmed.

Confirmations:

(with Presenters)

Skyelar Whiting Campbell

The Rev. Clay Calhoun and Cynthia McCarty

David Hoyt Jimenez

Alexander Charles Whitehead

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop Roaf

We welcome The Right Reverend Phoebe A. Roaf, Fourth Bishop of West Tennessee, as our Bishop and preacher today. As is customary, all cash monies placed in the offering plate this morning are given to Bishop Roaf for her discretionary fund. These funds are used to assist those who have needs throughout the Diocese.

Easter Services

We are currently scheduling three separate Easter services at Holy Apostles. For our planning, so that we may safely accommodate everyone, please let us know, by completing the short survey in the weekly email, which liturgy you plan to attend, and the number attending from your household.

- The Great Vigil of Easter - Saturday, April 3, 7:30 PM in the nave
- Sunrise Service of Holy Eucharist - Sunday, April 4, 7:00 AM outdoors
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Sunday, April 4, 10:00 AM in the nave

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.

Reading with Holy Apostles

This Tuesday, March 16th at 6:30 pm via Zoom

Reading with Holy Apostles will meet this Tuesday at 6:30 pm to discuss our March nonfiction selection, *One Day: The Extraordinary Story of an Ordinary 24 Hours in America* by Gene Weingarten. Check your weekly email for the Zoom link.

Lilies for Easter

On sale now

If you would like to help beautify the church this Easter Sunday (April 4th), the Altar Guild is selling lilies. The cost is \$13.50 per plant. Forms are available in the narthex or you can purchase online using the link on our website homepage. Proceeds generated by the sale of lilies benefit the Our Little Roses Ministry, an outreach of the Altar Guild.

Prayer Vigil

Thursday, April 1st – Friday, April 2nd

This year's prayer vigil begins immediately following the Maundy Thursday worship service and continues through the night, concluding the morning of Good Friday. Those who sign up to participate will take turns spending an hour in quiet meditation and prayer, keeping vigil with our Lord.

This year's participants will have the option to participate at the church or at home. Also, because we will be praying in-person at the church throughout the night, we will need volunteers to sign up to serve as night watchmen to keep watch ensuring the safety of those in prayer.

You will find the link to sign up in your weekly email.

Lenten Food Drive

Now through Easter Sunday

The 2021 Lenten Food Drive is going strong! 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!

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.holyapostlestn.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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OUR MISSION:

*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.*