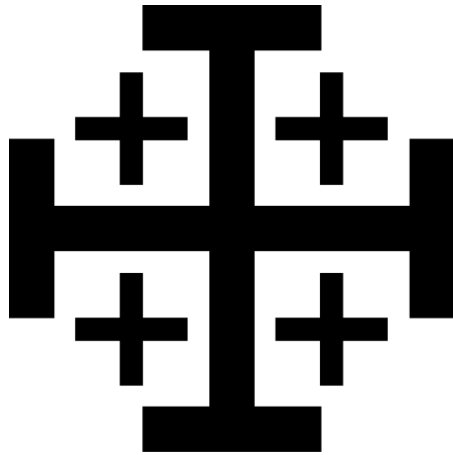


Church of the Holy Apostles

An Order of Worship
for the Evening

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Sunday, March 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.

1 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 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ 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, Nancy, Jamie, LaVerne,
Jim, Iva**

*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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