



*Holy Eucharist (Rite Two)*  
*Third Sunday of Advent*  
*Sunday, December 13, 2020*  
*10:00 a.m.*

*Good morning, and welcome to Holy Apostles for this celebration of the Holy Eucharist. We are so glad you are here!*

*For safety, please wear masks and observe social distance between households throughout the service.*

*Concern for our neighbor dictates also 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.*

Prelude

*Magnificat*

Samuel Scheidt

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

## The Liturgy of the Word

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

**People** Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

ALMIGHTY GOD, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Song of Praise*

Hymn 56 (vss. 5 & 6)

*O come, thou key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heavenly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
 and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadow put to flight.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

**People** The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

STIR UP YOUR POWER, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**





Breathe fresh life into your people.

**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Creator of all,

lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom

those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

**that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

God of hope, comfort and restore

all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith  
of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone.

**Father, into your hand we commend them.**

Give comfort to those who mourn.

**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

We praise you for all your saints

who have entered into your eternal glory.

**May their example inspire and encourage us.**

**We pray for:**

The Falkland Islands, The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton, Bishop  
(Anglican cycle of prayer)

The Order of St Helena, South Carolina (Anglican Religious Orders cycle of prayer)

For Holy Trinity, Memphis (West TN Diocesan cycle of prayer)

We pray for each other:

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

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

Kimberly Georgi

Beth Webb

Beverly Cianciola

Thomas Drake

Jeanette Maddox

Jack Abell

Truman May

*A Prayer for the Parish*

**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**



*Celebrant* 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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life, that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 pow - er 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*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father:

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put

all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

*The Fraction*

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*Antiphon*  
*Cantor; then All*

My flesh is food in-deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

*Cantor*

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. [Ant.]

*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 Hymn

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

Hymn 75

*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.

*The Priest blesses the people.*

*The Deacon dismisses the people with these words*

<i>Deacon</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<b>People</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

Postlude

*Magnificat*

Samuel Scheidt



## TODAY'S SERVERS (12/13/20)

### 10:00 a.m.

**Lector/Intercessor:** Mike Siegel

**Acolyte:** Mary Katherine Arthur

**Greeters/Ushers:** Ronnie Kelly, Mike Siegel

**Altar Guild this week:** Maggie Beason, Diane Reddoch, Niki Shaheen, Christina See, Gayle Bennett, Carey Mayfield, Karen Ozemba, Jean Morris

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Virtual Christmas Pageant

Our Christmas Pageant may look a little different this year, but the message is the same! We would love for parishioners of any age to participate in our virtual program to be presented on Christmas Eve and online. We have parts of all sizes for anyone and everyone! Please sign up **today** using the link in the weekly email or send a note to Cynthia (cynthia@holypostlestin.net). Scripts and instructions will be sent to you and you will record your parts at home.

### Meet the Deacon via Zoom

Tomorrow at 6:30 pm

Gerri Endicott is a vocational deacon who has been serving in the Diocese of West Tennessee since her ordination in 2018. Now, at the direction of Bishop Phoebe, and in consultation with Holy Apostles, she will be exercising her diaconal ministry here. Gerri would like to get to know everyone at Holy Apostles, so she is inviting you to meet her via Zoom on Monday. You can use the link in the email sent on Tuesday.

### Reading with Holy Apostles

Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Reading with Holy Apostles will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 pm via Zoom. There is a link in your weekly email. We will discuss our December fiction selection, *The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin.

### Rector Search Parish Survey – Last Chance

New Deadline December 18th

The Rector Search Committee needs your help to identify the most important characteristics we are seeking in our new Rector. Please share your opinion in the Rector Search Parish Survey. A link to the online survey was sent by email, and published in our weekly e-newsletter.

The deadline for responses has been extended to Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – but will not be extended past that date.

**It only takes 10 minutes – please respond today**, and let your voice be heard!

If you did not receive the email or prefer to complete a paper copy of the survey, please contact Tiffany Siegel in the church office.

### Poinsettias for Christmas

On sale through December 20th

If you would like to help beautify the church this Christmas, the Altar Guild is selling Poinsettias. The cost is \$13 per plant. Forms are available in the Narthex or you can purchase online (there is a direct link on our homepage – [www.holypostlestin.net](http://www.holypostlestin.net) – click Online Giving). Proceeds generated by the sale of Poinsettias benefit the Our Little Roses Ministry, an outreach of the Altar Guild.

### 2021 Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to all who sent in their pledge cards over the last week. Due to your efforts, we have now received about 65% of our anticipated pledge cards but we're not done yet! We are still accepting pledge cards and are asking you to please make it a priority to either return your pledge card via mail, in person or online (using the direct link on the website homepage at [www.holypostlestin.net](http://www.holypostlestin.net) – look for the cross with the heart). We understand this has been a difficult year for many, but we need to have an indication of your intent to pledge for 2021 in order to move forward with a functional budget. Your pledge will enable us to put together a budget for the coming year that will accurately reflect our ability to do ministry. Your quick attention to this would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the pledge process, please contact Holly McDaniel ([holly@holypostlestin.net](mailto:holly@holypostlestin.net) or 901-937-3830).

## Advent at Holy Apostles

### **Advent Family Devotionals**

Do Not Be Afraid!

... To Hold HOPE

... To Bring PEACE

... To Practice JOY

... To Choose LOVE

The inspiration for our Advent theme comes from the angels' message in the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke: "Do not be afraid!" This phrase is an instruction God gave to God's people throughout their history, and it's a message God continues to give to us today. This Advent, we invite you to explore what it looks like to hold hope when life feels really uncertain, to bring peace in the face of fear, to practice joy when everything seems burdensome, and to choose love, when sometimes, it's just really hard. You'll be invited to wonder more deeply about this classic story, to imagine some of the details that aren't filled in for us, and to make connections to your own context this season.

### **Advent Family/Intergenerational Devotions**

Sunday nights at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Devotions and lessons will be led by Cynthia McCarty. No materials are needed and we encourage **ALL AGES** to join! Email Cynthia ([cynthia@holypostlestn.net](mailto:cynthia@holypostlestn.net)) for more information.

### **Holy Communion for Christmas**

If you or someone you know are interested in receiving a home visit from a member of the clergy to receive Holy Communion between now and the end of the year, please contact the parish office. We will make every effort to arrange for visits in a safe and responsible manner for any who wish to receive the Sacrament during this holy season.

## **Weekly Offerings**

### Sunday

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II 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](http://www.holyapostlestn.net))

**Children's Chapel/Sunday School lesson** on Facebook.

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

### 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 7:00 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

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

## Church of the Holy Apostles The Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee

The Right Reverend Phoebe A. Roaf, Bishop of West Tennessee  
The Rev. Clay Calhoun, Priest Associate  
The Rev. Gerri Endicott, Deacon  
Mr. Tom Carpenter, Director of Adult Formation  
Mrs. Petrice Harvey, Intermediate Supervisor of Nursery  
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Mrs. Tiffany Siegel, Director of Membership and Communications  
Ms. Flora Sims, Hospitality  
Mr. Jim Walsmith, Organist-Choirmaster

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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.*