



# Holy Eucharist (Rite Two)

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Sunday, December 20, 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*

	Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.	
<b>People</b>	<b>And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.</b>	

*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. 7 & 8)

*O come, Desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
and be thyself our King of Peace.*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.*

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

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## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

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

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

PURIFY OUR CONSCIENCE, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

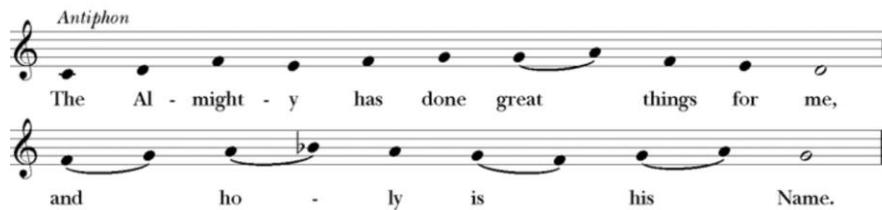
*The people sit*

A Reading from 2 Samuel (2 Samuel 7:1-11,16)

WHEN THE KING was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary (*sung by Cantors*)



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.*

*All stand, and the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*(Luke 1:26-38)*

IN THE SIXTH MONTH the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Clay Calhoun

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
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

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Heavenly Father,  
you have promised to hear when we pray  
in the name of your Son.  
Therefore in confidence and trust we pray:

Father, enliven the Church for its mission  
**that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

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:**

For the mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion  
(Anglican cycle of prayer)

The Order of St Benedict, Michigan (Anglican Religious Orders cycle of prayer)

For Finance Committee and Treasurer (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:

Lynn Fauser  
Mark Harris  
Josh Monk  
Nick Noblin  
Holly McDaniel

David Ogle  
John Balestrini  
Will Bladt  
Bruce Yancey  
John Paul Kavin

*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 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.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 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.*

## **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 stand while their offerings of bread, wine, and money or other gifts are placed upon the Altar.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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

*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*

*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.]

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*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

*Ye who claim the faith of Jesus*

Hymn 268

*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*

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

Postlude

*Magnificat*

Samuel Scheidt



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

### **10:00 a.m.**

**Lector/Intercessor:** Kevin Kenny

**Acolyte:** Juliah Calhoun

**Greeters/Ushers:** Ted Beason, John Ogle

**Altar Guild this week:** Jeanette Maddox, Barbara Olive, Andrea Smith, Bryan Massey, Karrie LaCroix, Lee Carpenter, Carol Robertson, Jean Morris

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### In-Person Worship for Christmas

Holy Apostles intends to offer the following services for Christmas:

#### **December 24th**

5:00 pm – Bluegrass Christmas Mass, in the PLC, with virtual Children’s Pageant

10:00 pm – Holy Eucharist Rite II, in the Nave, with Choir and Music for the Season  
(pre-recorded music will begin at 9:30 pm)

#### **December 25th**

4:00 pm – Holy Eucharist Rite II, in the Nave

In order to ensure that we can provide a safe and socially distanced atmosphere for in-person worship this Christmas, we are asking households to pre-register to reserve seating. If the slots for all services fill up, we hope you will join us for worship from your home through our livestreamed offerings, and know that we are always bound together by the Spirit.

You can sign up using the link from Tuesday’s email or by calling the Parish Office (901-937-3830).

### Poinsettias for Christmas

**Deadline for ordering is today!**

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.holyapostlestn.net](http://www.holyapostlestn.net) – click Online Giving). Proceeds generated by the sale of Poinsettias benefit the Our Little Roses Ministry, an outreach of the Altar Guild.

### 2020 Year End Giving/2021 Stewardship Campaign

For purposes of filing your federal taxes, as long as your donation is placed in the collection plate by Sunday, December 27, 2020 or received in our offices by 2:00 p.m., Wednesday December 30, 2020, it will be included in your year-end statement. If you are an e-giver, please remember it usually takes 2-3 days for your donation to process so be sure to plan accordingly if you would like your donation to be included in 2020 giving.

We are in the processing of wrapping up the 2021 Stewardship Campaign and will continue the work of putting together a functional budget for the coming year that will accurately reflect our ability to do ministry. If you would still like to complete a pledge card, please feel free to do so. We have many ways in which you can send in your pledge card: you may return your pledge card via mail, in person or online (using the direct link on the website homepage at [www.holyapostlestn.net](http://www.holyapostlestn.net) – look for the cross with the heart).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Holly McDaniel at [holly@holypostlestn.net](mailto:holly@holypostlestn.net). Thank you for your support of the ministry and mission of Holy Apostles.

### Advent Family/Intergeneration Devotion

**Tonight at 6:00 pm via Zoom**

Devotion and lesson 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 (*not this Thursday 12/24*)

**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**

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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.*