



At the Church of the Holy Apostles, we understand that questions are an essential element of faith. Wherever you find yourself spiritually, you are welcome to worship with us. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you better! Whether you are new to the Episcopal Church in general or are considering attending worship at Holy Apostles, here are some questions you may be asking:

WHAT IS THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH?

The best resource for information on who we are and what we believe is the website for the national church: www.episcopalchurch.org

WHAT TIME IS WORSHIP?

Sunday services of Holy Eucharist are at 9 am and 11 am. The early service is held in the side chapel. There is no music at this service, and it lasts about 40 minutes. The later service includes a procession, organ and choral music and lasts about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

We also have a Tuesday evening Insight service of Bible Study and Prayer at 6:15 pm, Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 8:30 am, and Compline (an evening prayer service to end the day) on Thursdays at 9:00 pm. All of our weekday services are on Zoom.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT MY FIRST SUNDAY SERVICE AT HOLY APOSTLES?

The 9 am service gathers in the round in the chapel to the right of the sanctuary. We use the Book of Common Prayer, and pages are announced. After prayers, readings from the Bible and a sermon, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist (Communion).

At the 11 am service, an usher will greet you and hand you a printed Order of Service with all the prayers, music, and cues for sitting and standing included. Come as you are and sit wherever you are comfortable! We use incense during worship and some of the prayers are chanted. We try to use language that is inclusive whenever possible. We sing together, pray together, hear readings from the Bible and a sermon, and then celebrate the



Holy Eucharist (Communion) There is opportunity to greet people during the passing of the peace in the middle of the service, and all are welcome to coffee hour immediately following worship.

CAN ANYONE TAKE COMMUNION?

Holy Eucharist, or Communion, is a mystery and an expression of our relationship with God and with one another. All are welcome to receive Communion at Holy Apostles. If you have not been baptized or are joining us from a different Christian tradition and are interested in deepening your faith commitments, the clergy are always happy to explore possibilities with you—but that is not necessary in order to participate fully in our worship.

ARE CHILDREN WELCOME?

We welcome children of all ages to our worship services. Families can sit together, and we also have a supervised children's space for learning and play toward the back of the church where young people can color and craft while the service is going on.

WHERE IS HOLY APOSTLES LOCATED, AND HOW DO I GET THERE?

The church is on the corner of 28th Street and 9th Avenue in Manhattan. The closest subway stations are 28th St. (1 and 2 lines) and 23rd St. (A, C and E lines). The M11 bus stops right across the street from the church or take the cross town M23 bus to the 9th Ave. stop.

IS YOUR BUILDING HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE?

There is both a ramp in our courtyard and an entrance directly to the church behind it. Both are wheelchair accessible.

HOW DO I GET MORE INVOLVED?

Holy Apostles is a community that has a long tradition of service to the community. From our primary mission, Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen, to helping with worship and hospitality, to our commitment to social and economic justice for all, there are many ways to become part of our common life.

