



# Apostles Anglican Church

## The Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday in Advent

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10:55am

*Liturgy for Contemporary Service*  
*The Anglican Church in North America*

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## Opening Songs

### *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;  
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;  
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.*

*Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine own sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

### *God With Us*

*You've come to bring peace  
To be love, to be nearer to us  
You've come to bring life  
To be light, to shine brighter in us  
Oh Emmanuel  
God with us*

### *Chorus*

*Our Deliverer, You are Savior  
In Your presence we find our strength  
Over everything, our redemption  
God with us  
You are God with us*

*You've come to be hope  
To this world, for Your honor and name  
You've come to take sin  
To bear shame, and to conquer the grave  
Oh Emmanuel  
God with us*

*Chorus  
Our Deliverer, You are Savior  
In Your presence we find our strength  
Over everything, our redemption  
God with us  
You are God with us*

*You are here, You are holy  
We are standing in Your glory (4x)*

*Chorus*

*Minister:* Blessed be God: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*People:* ***And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

*Minister:* *The Lord be with you.*

*People:* ***And with your spirit.***

*Minister:* *Let us pray.*

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons** (*congregation seated*)

### **Zechariah 14:3-9**

<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle.  
<sup>4</sup> On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. <sup>5</sup> And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. <sup>6</sup> On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost. <sup>7</sup> And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light. <sup>8</sup> On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter. <sup>9</sup> And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

**People:**           ***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 50:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD, even the most mighty God, has spoken \*  
and called the world, from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof.

<sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, perfect in her beauty, \*  
has God shone forth in glory.

<sup>3</sup> Our God shall come and shall not keep silence; \*  
there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up  
round about him.

<sup>4</sup> He shall call to the heavens above, \*  
and to the earth beneath, that he may judge his people:

<sup>5</sup> "Gather my faithful together unto me, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

<sup>6</sup> And the heavens shall declare his righteousness, \*  
for God himself is Judge.

**All:** *Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.*

### **1 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you— <sup>7</sup> for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. <sup>8</sup> For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup> as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? <sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup> and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup> so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**The Gospel** (*please stand*)

#### **O Come, O Come Emmanuel Verse 1**

*O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in its ways to go  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

Minister: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

## **Luke 21:25-33**

“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves,<sup>26</sup> people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.<sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.<sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”<sup>29</sup> And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.<sup>30</sup> As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near.<sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.<sup>32</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place.<sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

*Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **O Come, O Come Emmanuel Verse 2**

*O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;  
Fill all the world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

## **Sermon**

***The Apostles' Creed (congregation stand)***

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by 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.*

*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 of the People** (*congregation standing or kneeling*)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, the people saying, "***hear our prayer.***"

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** ***Hear our prayer.***

For Foley, our Archbishop, Mark, our Bishop and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** ***Hear our prayer.***

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** ***Hear our prayer.***

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service, especially Joe, our President, Andy, our Governor, and Linda, our Mayor.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader: Lord in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

***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.***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace** *(congregation stand)*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** ***And with your spirit.***

Celebrant: Let us greet one another and share the Peace of Christ.

### **Offering**

### **The Doxology** *(congregation stand)*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.***

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
**People:** ***And with your spirit.***  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
**People:** ***We lift them up to the Lord.***  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 glory 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### The Sanctus

***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

### The Prayer of Consecration

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he

broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.***

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant:      And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.***

### **The Fraction (The Breaking of the Bread)**

***This is Jesus, Emmanuel  
God is with us in this sacrament  
Come receive him, adore him  
This is Jesus Christ our Lord.***

### **The Invitation to Communion**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **The Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

**Prayer of Christian Discipleship** (*congregation kneeling*)

**Heavenly Father,**

***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 forever. Amen.***

**The Blessing** (*congregation kneeling*)

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Song**

**Christ Be All Around Me**

*As I rise, strength of God*

*Go before, lift me up*

*As I wake, eyes of God*

*Look upon, be my sight*

*As I wait, heart of God*

*Satisfy and sustain*

*As I hear, voice of God*

*Lead me on, and be my guide*

*Be my guide*

Chorus

*Above and below me, Before and behind me  
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me  
Above and below me, Before and behind me  
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me  
Christ be all around me*

*As I go, hand of God  
My defense, by my side  
As I rest, breath of God  
Fall upon, bring me peace  
Bring me peace*

*Chorus*

Bridge

*Your life, your death  
Your blood was shed  
For every moment, every moment (3x)*

*Chorus*

**Dismissal**

**Minister:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People:** ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***