



# Apostles Anglican Church

## The Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022

10:55am

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



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## The Bell

## Opening Songs

### O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,  
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

#### Refrain

We lay down our crowns at the feet of the Lord (3x)

Who reigns

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Who reigns

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

Refrain

## Lead Me to the Cross

Savior I come, quiet my soul, remember  
Redemption's hill where Your blood was spilled  
For my ransom  
Everything I once held dear - I count it all as loss

### Chorus

Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You  
Oh, lead me, Lead me to the cross

You were as I, tempted and tried, human  
The Word became flesh, bore my sin and death  
Now You're risen  
Everything I once held dear - I count it all as loss

### Chorus

To Your heart  
To Your heart  
Lead me to Your heart  
Lead me to Your heart

### Chorus

*Minister:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People:* ***His mercy endures for ever.***

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* ***And with your spirit.***  
*Minister:* Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## The Lessons (*congregation seated*)

### Joshua 5:1, 9-12

5 As soon as all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the people of Israel until they had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no longer any spirit in them because of the people of Israel. <sup>9</sup> And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day. <sup>10</sup> While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup> And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup> And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader:       The Word of the Lord.

**People:    *Thanks be to God.***

### Psalm 34:1-8

<sup>1</sup> I will always give thanks unto the LORD; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; \*  
the humble shall hear this and be glad.

<sup>3</sup> O praise the LORD with me, \*  
and let us magnify his Name together.

<sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he heard me; \*  
he delivered me out of all my fears.

<sup>5</sup> They looked unto him, and were made glad, \*  
and their faces were not ashamed.

<sup>6</sup> Look, the poor man cries, and the LORD hears him, \*  
and saves him out of all his troubles.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD camps round about those who fear him, \*  
and delivers them in time of need.

<sup>8</sup> O taste and see how gracious the LORD is; \*  
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

**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***

## **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

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

### **His Mercy is More – Verse 1**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

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

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

## **Luke 15:11-32**

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your <sup>command</sup>, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

*Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **His Mercy is More – Chorus**

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness

New every morn

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

## 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.

## Setting of the Table

### 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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 for ever. Amen.***

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

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world  
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world  
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world  
Have mercy on us, grant us peace***

## **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.**

## **Recessional**

## God of Justice

God of Justice Savior to all  
Came to rescue the weak and the poor  
Chose to serve and not be served  
Jesus You have called us  
Freely we've received  
Now freely we will give

### Chorus

We must go  
Live to feed the hungry  
Stand beside the broken  
We must go  
Stepping forward  
Keep us from just singing  
Move us into action, we must go

To act justly every day  
Loving mercy in every way  
Walking humbly before You God  
You have shown us what You require  
Freely we've received  
Now freely we will give

Fill us up and send us out  
Fill us up and send us out  
Fill us up and send us out Lord  
(REPEAT)

Chorus

## Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**





