



Apostles Anglican Church

The Holy Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

10:55am

Liturgy for Contemporary Service
The Anglican Church in North America

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The Bell

Opening Songs

Psalm 126 (To the Tune of “Come Thou Fount”)

- ¹ When the Lord brought back to Zion
 captives from the exile land;
We were like those who were dreaming,
 Those restored to health again.
- ² Then our mouths were filled with laughter,
 Tongues with songs of joy again;
 Then they said among the nations,
 “God has done great things for them!”
- ³ The Lord has done great things for us;
 We are filled with joy and praise.
- ⁴ Lord, restore our fortunes to us
 like streams in the desert place.
- ⁵ Those who sow with tears and weeping
 will return with joyful song;
- ⁶ Sowing seed will bring forth reaping—
 Sheaves that to the Lord belong.

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

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

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (*congregation seated*)

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:¹⁸ "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old."¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,²¹ the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 126

¹ When the LORD overturned the captivity of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

² Then was our mouth filled with laughter *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

³ Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."

⁴ Indeed, the LORD has done great things for us already, *
whereof we rejoice.

⁵ Overturn our captivity, O LORD, *
as when streams refresh the deserts of the south.

⁶ Those who sow in tears *
shall reap with songs of joy.

⁷ He who goes on his way weeping and bears good seed *
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with 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*

Philippians 3:7-16

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

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 20:9-19

And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰ When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³ Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷ But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ¹⁹ The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.

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.

