



# Apostles

## Anglican Church

### The Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

10:55am

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



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE BELL

## OPENING SONGS

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

*(Verse 1)*

*Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy, Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity*

*(Verse 2)*

*Holy holy holy, All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Falling down before Thee  
Which was and is, And evermore shall be*

*(Verse 3)*

*Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy, Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity*

## **Authority**

*(Verse 1)*

*Creation knows the voice  
That spoke into the void  
The breath that brought the dust to life  
And sang the stars to form*

*(Verse 2)*

*The darkness fears Your voice  
That drove it back before  
And though the night is long  
I know Your light  
Will drive it back once more*

*(Chorus)*

*One word from You  
Things change on Your authority  
Your word it's true  
Things change on Your authority*

*(Verse 3)*

*My fight is not my own  
Its end is in your hands  
I worship You because I know all things  
Must bow to Your command*

*(Bridge)*

*Will heaven not prevail  
And strongholds not be moved  
Will spirits not be silenced  
And cower at His rule  
For if my God is for me  
Then what have I to fear  
And I will not deny Him  
The glory that is His*

Minister: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:** *His mercy endures forever.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LESSONS *(congregation seated)*

### Exodus 20:1-21

20Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>For six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea,

and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup> Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

<sup>17</sup> You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

<sup>18</sup> When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, <sup>19</sup>and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' <sup>20</sup>Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.' <sup>21</sup>Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalms 19:7-14**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure, and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup> The statutes of the LORD are right, and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is pure, and gives light to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean, and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; \*  
sweeter also than honey, than the drippings from the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant taught, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
O cleanse me from my secret faults.

<sup>13</sup> Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; \*  
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offense.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in  
your sight, \*  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**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.***

## **Romans 7:12-25**

<sup>12</sup> So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good.

<sup>13</sup> Did what is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, working death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. <sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Gospel** (*congregation standing*)

*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*

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

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

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

**John 2:13-22**

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' <sup>21</sup>But he was



speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

## THE 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, 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, Allen, our suffragan Bishop-Elect and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Father, we ask that you continue to bless our search process for a new rector. Raise up for us, we pray, a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion, that we may be a place for spiritual orphans and seekers.

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 the sake of Jesus Christ, 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

***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 standing)*

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

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

**THE OFFERTORY**

**The Doxology** *(congregation standing)*

*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 SURSUM CORDA

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.*

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 Jesus Christ 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:

***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, 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

*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

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**People:** *Have mercy on us.*  
Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**People:** *Have mercy on us.*  
Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**People:** *Grant us your peace.*

## THE MINISTRATION OF 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.***

## THE PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

***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 for ever. Amen.***

## THE BLESSING

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.***



## THE RECESSIONAL *(congregation standing)*

## CLOSING SONG

### **How He Loves**

*(Verse 1)*

*And He is jealous for me  
Love's like a hurricane. I am a tree,  
Bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy  
When all of a sudden,  
I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory  
And I realize just how beautiful You are,  
And how great Your affections are for me*

*(Chorus)*

*And, oh, how He loves us, oh  
Oh, how He loves us  
How He loves us, oh*

*(Bridge)*

*Yeah, He loves us  
Oh, how He loves us  
Oh, how He loves us  
Oh, how He loves*

*(Verse 2)*

*And we are His portion and He is our prize,  
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes  
If His grace is an ocean, we're all sinking  
And Heaven meets earth like a sloppy wet kiss  
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest  
I don't have time to maintain these regrets,  
When I think about the way*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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