



# Apostles

## Anglican Church

**Palm Sunday**

March 24, 2024

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



## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE BELL

*Minister: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.*

*People: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a Cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

*Minister: The Lord be with you.*

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

*Minister: Let us pray.*

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

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

## John 12:12-16

12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—  
the King of Israel!

<sup>14</sup>Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

<sup>15</sup> 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

*Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

*Celebrant: The Lord be with you.*

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

*Celebrant: Let us pray.*

We praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. Grant that we who bear them in his Name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
***Amen.***

*Minister: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.*

*People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Minister: Let us go forth in peace.*

*People: In the name of Christ. Amen.*

**Hosanna (Praise is Rising)**

*(Verse 1)*

*Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You*

*(Pre-Chorus)*

*'Cause when we see You  
We find strength to face the day  
In Your presence  
All our fears are washed away*

*(Chorus)*

*Hosanna hosanna  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna hosanna  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

*(Verse 2)*

*Hear the sound of, hearts returning to You  
We turn to You  
In Your Kingdom, broken lives are made new  
You make us new*

**Better Is One Day**

*(Verse 1)*

*How lovely is Your dwelling place  
O Lord almighty  
For my soul longs and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings*

*(Chorus)*

*Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere*

*(Verse 2)*

*One thing I ask and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place  
Your glory dwells*

*(Bridge)*

*My heart and flesh cry out  
For You the living God  
Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen  
Come once again to me  
I will draw near to You  
I will draw near to You*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS *(congregation seated)*

### Isaiah 52:13-53:12

<sup>3</sup> See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.

<sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals—

<sup>15</sup> so he shall startle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

53 Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup> They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup> Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,



and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 22:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, \*  
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my complaint?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not hear; \*  
in the night season also, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup> But you remain holy, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> Our fathers hoped in you; \*  
they trusted in you, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> They called upon you, and were delivered; \*  
they put their trust in you, and were not confounded.

<sup>6</sup> But as for me, I am a worm, and no man, \*  
scorned by all, and the outcast of the people.

<sup>7</sup> All those who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

<sup>8</sup> "He trusted in God, that he would deliver him; \*  
let him deliver him, if he will have him."

<sup>9</sup> But you are he that took me out of my mother's womb; \*  
you were my hope, when I was yet upon my mother's breasts.

<sup>10</sup> I have been cast upon you ever since I was born; \*  
you are my God, even from my mother's womb.

<sup>11</sup> O go not far from me, for trouble is near at hand, \*  
and there is none to help me.

**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 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

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

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

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

### **Mark 15:1-39**

15As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup> Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup>So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup>Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' <sup>10</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup>Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' <sup>13</sup>They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' <sup>14</sup>Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup> Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' <sup>19</sup>They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. <sup>21</sup> They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

<sup>25</sup> It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!' <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

<sup>33</sup> When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' <sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 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, and Mark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. We pray for the election of a new Archbishop, for his family and for his diocese.

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the Cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and by his suffering and death he became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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**

*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 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

### **Build My Life**

*(Verse 1)*

*Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for you, for You*

*(Verse 2)*

*Jesus, the Name above every other name  
Jesus, the only One Who could ever save  
You're worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, we live for You*

*(Chorus)*

*Holy, there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me Who You are and fill me  
With Your heart and lead me  
In Your love to those around me*

*(Bridge)*

*I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken  
I will not be shaken*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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

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