



# Apostles

## Anglican Church

**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**

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*Liturgy for the Contemporary Service*

*The Anglican Church in North America*

### **About Participating in the Eucharist**

This altar is God's altar. This is a family table. All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive the Sacrament. If you are not baptized you are still invited to the table for prayer.

We believe in something called "the real presence of Christ" which means that we know he is present in communion, but we aren't going to require you to speculate on exactly how he does that.

To receive, come forward to the rail, and kneel to receive unless you are unable. Kneeling or standing, place your hands flat, and in a cruciform shape, palms up. The clergy will place the bread on your palm.

A chalice bearer will follow with a small cup with the wine. At present we are not drinking from the chalice but "intincting" from the small cup. You take the bread between your fingers, and dip it slightly into the wine, before placing it in your mouth.

If you only take the bread and want to by-pass the wine, that is still a valid sacrament. You don't need to wait for the cup to come by but you may remain at the rail as long as you want.

Adults who are not baptized, or who are not going to receive, can come forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to do so, as you are kneeling, cross your arms over your chest, hands by your shoulder and the clergy will pray for you.

Baptized children are welcomed to receive communion, but parents can choose to allow their child to receive. If your children are not baptized, or will not be receiving, they can receive a blessing, by crossing their arms.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE BELL

OPENING SONGS

## 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*

## **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:** 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.

Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your providence, that your Church may joyfully serve you in quiet confidence and godly peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.'

I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.’  
To the woman he said,  
‘I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children,  
yet your desire shall be for your husband,  
and he shall rule over you.’  
And to the man he said,  
‘Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,  
and have eaten of the tree  
about which I commanded you,  
“You shall not eat of it”,  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread  
until you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.’

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all who live. And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 130**

- 1 Out of the deep have I called unto you, O LORD; \*  
Lord, hear my voice.
- 2 O let your ears consider well \*  
the voice of my supplications.
- 3 If you, LORD, were to mark what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could abide it?
- 4 For there is mercy with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.

5 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my trust.

6 My soul waits for the Lord, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

7 O Israel, trust in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy, \*  
and with him is plenteous redemption;

8 And he shall redeem Israel \*  
from all their sins

**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 4:13-18**

*But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.*

*So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

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

***In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand***

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

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

### **Mark 3:20-35**

Then he went home and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**THE SERMON**



**THE NICENE CREED** (*congregation standing*)

***We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.***

***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.***

***We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.***

***We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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.

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 home 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 for ever. **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)*

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

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

Minister: Let us greet one another and share the peace of Christ.

#### **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, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever 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 for ever.  
***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 for ever. Amen.***

#### **THE FRACTION**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

#### **THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

he 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**

**A Thousand Hallelujahs**

**(Verse 1)**

***Who else would rocks cry out to worship?  
Whose glory taught the stars to shine?  
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing  
But this joy is mine***

**(Chorus)**

***With a thousand hallelujahs, we magnify Your name  
You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise  
Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours  
A thousand hallelujahs, and a thousand more***

**(Verse 2)**

***Who else would die for our redemption?  
Whose resurrection means I'll rise?  
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done  
But I have eternity to try***

**(Bridge)**

***Praise to the Lord, to the lamb  
To the King of Heaven  
Praise for He rose, now He reigns  
We will sing forever***

**THE DISMISSAL**

**Deacon:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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