



# Apostles

## Anglican Church

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE BELL

OPENING SONGS

## Lion and the Lamb

*(Verse 1)*

*He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty*

*(Chorus)*

*Our God is the lion, the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the lamb, the lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the lion and the lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him (yeah)*

*(Verse 2)*

*So, open up the gates  
Make way before the King of Kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty*

*(Bridge)*

*For who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty*

**Waiting Here for You**

*(Verse 1)*

*If faith can move the mountains let the mountains move  
We come with expectation, waiting here for You  
I'm waiting here for You*

*(Verse 2)*

*You're the Lord of all creation  
And still you know my heart  
The Author of Salvation  
You've loved us from the start*

*(Chorus)*

*Waiting here for You, with our hands lifted high in praise  
And it's You we adore, singing Alleluia*

*(Verse 3)*

*You are everything You've promised  
Your faithfulness is true  
And we're desperate for Your presence  
All we need is You*

*(Bridge)*

*Singing Alleluia, Alleluia  
Singing Alleluia, Alleluia*

**I Love You, Lord**

*I love You Lord, and I lift my voice  
To worship You, O my soul rejoice  
Take joy my King, in what You hear  
May it be a sweet sweet sound in Your ear*

**THE ACCLAMATION**

**Priest:** I will make you as a light for the nations,

**People:** *That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

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

Minister: Let us pray.

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, look mercifully upon your people, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE LESSONS**

#### **Jeremiah 17:5-10**

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalm 1**

- 1 Blessed is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, \*  
nor stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat of the scornful;
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and on his law will he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the waterside, \*  
that will bring forth his fruit in due season.
- 4 His leaf also shall not wither; \*  
and look, whatever he does, it shall prosper.
- 5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them; \*  
but they are like the chaff, which the wind scatters away from the  
face of the earth.
- 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment, \*  
neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 7 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

**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.***

## **1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

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

***Speak, Oh Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness  
That the light of Christ may be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, Oh Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for your glory***

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

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

**Luke 6:17-26**

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

***Speak, Oh Lord, and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights  
Of your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, Oh Lord, 'til your Church is built  
And the Earth is filled with Your glory***

## 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 Steve, our Archbishop, and Mark, our Bishop, 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 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 Donald, 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.***

Priest: 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)*

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

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

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

**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 OFFERTORY**

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours: Yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all.

All things come from you, O Lord.

**People:** *And of your own have we given you.*

## **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 took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

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**

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.

### **COMMUNION SONG**

#### **Holy Song**

(Verse 1)

What joy to know You Lord to walk within Your ways  
To live beneath the shadow of Your wing  
Faithful You will lead me and I won't fear a thing  
You alone my song will always be

(Chorus)

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Worthy worthy worthy  
All of the earth is full of Your glory

(Verse 2)

What mercy to me Lord to choose me for Your own  
That You would make my heart Your dwelling place  
And when I stand in glory and we are face to face  
Surely then my song will be the same

(Bridge)

Worthy now to receive  
Power and wisdom and majesty  
Unto You Christ our King  
Splendor and honor eternally

(Verse 3)

What beauty to behold there before the throne  
As all of earth and heaven hail the King  
The Lion and the Lamb our God the Great I Am  
To You alone our song forever be  
To You alone our song forever be

### **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**

**What a Beautiful Name**

*(Verse 1)*

*You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ*

*(Chorus 1)*

*What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus*

*(Verse 2)*

*You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now*

*(Chorus 2)*

*What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus*

*(Bridge)*

*Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again*



***You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names***

***(Chorus 3)***

***What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus***

**THE DISMISSAL**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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





