



# Apostles

## Anglican Church

**World Mission Sunday**

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**Liturgy for the Traditional Service**

The Anglican Church of North America

THE PRELUDE: Variations on the Chorale Blessed Jesus, We are Here" - J. S. Bach

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE BELL (*congregation standing*)

HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,  
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;  
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all Thy life re - ceive;  
4. Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
let us all in Thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.  
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
let us see Thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee;

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;  
Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;  
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,  
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
pray and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

### THE ACCLAMATION

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

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

*Matthew 22:37-40*

## THE GLORIA



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most  
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Minister: The Lord be with you.

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

Minister: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE LESSONS *(congregation seated)*

#### Isaiah 61:1-4

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
 because the Lord has anointed me;  
 he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
 to bind up the broken-hearted,  
 to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
 and release to the prisoners;  
 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,  
 and the day of vengeance of our God;  
 to comfort all who mourn;

to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 96**

- 1 O sing unto the LORD a new song; \*  
sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing unto the LORD and praise his Name; \*  
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his honor to the nations, \*  
and his wonders to all peoples.
- 4 For the LORD is great, and highly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Glory and majesty are before him; \*  
power and honor are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe unto the LORD, O you families of the peoples, \*  
ascribe unto the LORD worship and power.
- 8 Ascribe unto the LORD the honor due unto his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations, "The LORD is King; \*  
it is he who has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he shall  
judge the peoples righteously."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; \*  
let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.  
12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; \*  
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD.  
13 For he comes, for he comes to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

**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 10:9-17**

Because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

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

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

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

### **John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed

on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord 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.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Donald, our President, Andy, our Governor, and Linda, our Mayor, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace.



Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servants Steve, our Archbishop, Mark, our Bishop, and all our clergy, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

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.**

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to

follow the good examples of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom.

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)*

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

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

### 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 (congregation standing)

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



### **THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION** (*congregation kneeling*)

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For 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, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, who art in heaven,*

*hallowed be thy Name,*

*thy kingdom come,*

*thy will be done,*

*on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our trespasses,*

*as we forgive those*

*who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,*

*and the power, and the glory,*

*for ever and ever. Amen.*

#### **THE FRACTION**

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

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

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.*

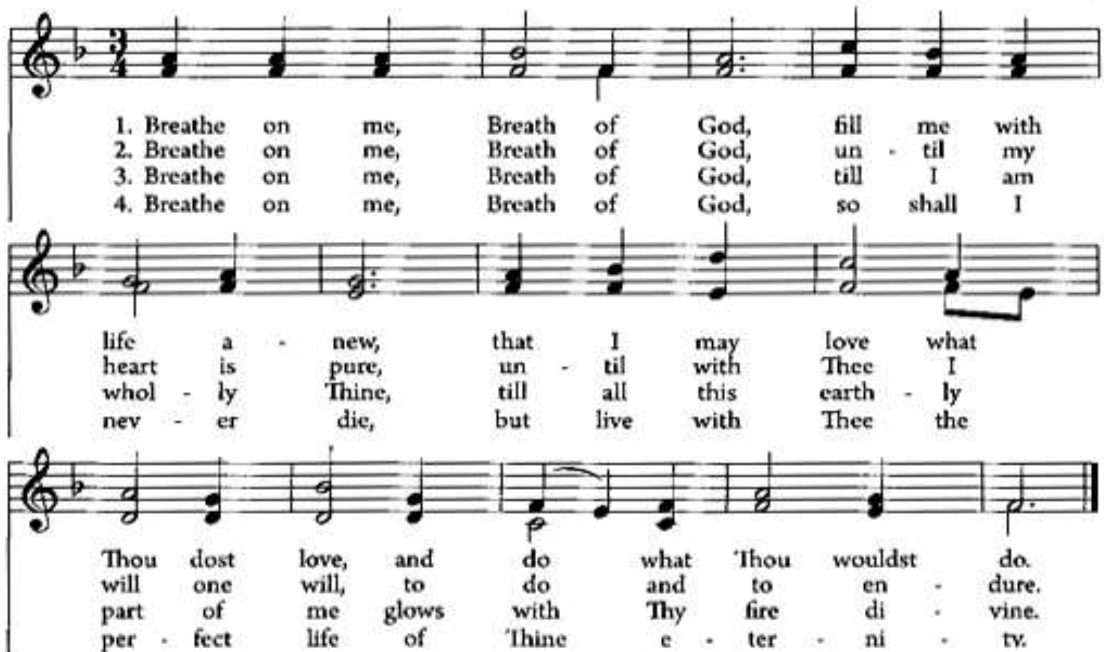
*We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord  
whose character is always to have mercy.*

*Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

## 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.

## COMMUNION HYMN: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with  
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my  
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am  
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I

life a - new, that I may love what  
heart is pure, un - til with Thee I  
whol - ly Thine, till all this earth - ly  
nev - er die, but live with Thee the

Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.  
will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
part of me glows with Thy fire di - vine.  
per - fect life of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

## THE PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*Almighty and everliving God,*

*we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,*

*with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood*

*of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;*

*and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us:*

*that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,*

*the blessed company of all faithful people;*

*and are also heirs, through hope,*

*of your everlasting kingdom.*

*And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,*

*to assist us with your grace,*

*that we may continue in that holy fellowship,*

*and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord,*

*to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,*

*be all 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)*

**HYMN:** Awake, O Sleeper *(next page)*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

**THE POSTLUDE:** Trumpet Tune in Eb - David N. Johnson

HYMN: Awake, O Sleeper



1. A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and  
2. To us on earth He came to bring from  
3. There is one bod - y and one hope, one  
4. Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who  
5. For us Christ lived, for us He died, and



Christ shall give you light; so learn His love, its  
sin and fear re - lease, to give the Spir - it's  
Spir - it and one call, one Lord, one faith, and  
died that He might save; with kind and gen - tle  
con - quered in the strife. A - wake, a - rise, go



length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one bap - tism, one Fa - ther of us all.  
hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.