



# Apostles

## Anglican Church

**Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday**

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



# 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*

**It is Well with My Soul**

*(Verse 1)*

*When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, It is well with my soul*

*(Chorus)*

*It is well with my soul  
It is well, It is well with my soul*

*(Verse 2)*

*My sin O the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord O my soul*

*(Verse 3)*

*And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend  
Even so it is well with my soul*

**THE ACCLAMATION**

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

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

Priest: Let us pray.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### Numbers 27:12-23

The Lord said to Moses, “Go up this mountain of the Abarim range, and see the land that I have given to the Israelites. When you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was, because you rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin when the congregation quarreled with me. You did not show my holiness before their eyes at the waters.” (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.)

Moses spoke to the Lord, saying, “Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint someone over the congregation who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of the Lord may not be like sheep without a shepherd.” So the Lord said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand upon him; have him stand before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation, and commission him in their sight. You shall give him some of your authority, so that all the congregation of the Israelites may obey. But he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the decision of the Urim before the Lord; at his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he and all the Israelites with him, the whole congregation.” So Moses did as the Lord commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole congregation; he laid his hands on him and commissioned him—as the Lord had directed through Moses.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 100

- 1 O be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \*  
serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Be assured that the LORD, he is God; \*  
it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; \*  
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, \*  
and his truth endures from generation to generation.

**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.*

### **Galatians 3:23-29**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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 John .

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

### **John 10:22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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 Steve, our Archbishop, Mark and Allen, our Bishops, 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 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us 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**

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**

### **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 DISMISSAL**

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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





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