



# Apostles

## Anglican Church

**The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost**

8/10/2025

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



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE BELL

## OPENING SONGS

### 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*

## **Reckless Love**

### **(Verse 1)**

***Before I spoke a word You were singing over me  
You have been so so good to me  
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so so kind to me***

### **(Chorus)**

***O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God***

### **(Verse 2)**

***When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me  
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me***

### **(Bridge)**

***There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up  
Coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down  
Coming after me***

## **THE ACCLAMATION**

**Priest:** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

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

Priest:     Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us the increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you have promised, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader:    The word of the Lord.

**People:**    *Thanks be to God.*

### Psalms 33:1-21

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous; \*  
it is fitting for the just to be thankful.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; \*  
sing praises unto him with the ten-stringed lute.
- 3 Sing unto him a new song; \*  
make skillful melody and cry aloud with joy.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is true, \*  
and all his works are faithful.
- 5 He loves righteousness and true judgment; \*  
the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, \*  
and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

- 7 He gathers the waters of the sea together, as in a heap, \*  
and lays up the deep, as in a treasure house.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; \*  
stand in awe of him, all you that dwell in the world.
- 9 For he spoke, and it was done; \*  
he commanded and it stood fast.
- 10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to naught; \*  
he makes the devices of the peoples to be of no effect, and casts out the counsels of  
princes.
- 11 The counsel of the LORD shall endure for ever, \*  
and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, \*  
and blessed are the people he has chosen for himself to be his inheritance.
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven and beholds all the children of men; \*  
from the habitation of his dwelling he considers all those who dwell on the earth.
- 14 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.
- 15 There is no king who can be saved by a mighty host; \*  
neither is any mighty man delivered by great strength.
- 16 A horse is considered a vain hope to save a man; \*  
neither shall it deliver anyone by its great strength.
- 17 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*  
and upon those who put their trust in his mercy,
- 18 To deliver their soul from death, \*  
and to feed them in the time of famine.
- 19 Our soul has patiently waited for the LORD, \*  
for he is our help and our shield.
- 20 Our heart shall rejoice in him, \*  
because we have hoped in his holy Name.
- 21 Let your merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.

**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.***

## Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and 'he was not found, because God had taken him.' For it was attested before he was taken away that 'he had pleased God.' And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

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

***Speak O 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 might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O 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 12:32-40**

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

***Speak O 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 O Lord till 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 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 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.**

Priest: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

### **THE PEACE** *(congregation standing)*

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

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

Celebrant: 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 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

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

### 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*

## 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!*





## August 10th Announcements:

### **High School Youth Group Launch**

**Monday, August 18 at 6:30 PM @ Apostles Youth Room:**

We're launching our High School Youth Group—and you're invited! Join us every Monday evening for food, fellowship, and a great time, followed by a Bible study in the Gospel of Luke. Together, we'll dive into the story of Jesus and discover what it means to follow Him today.

### **Fall Break Retreat**

**October 3–5, 2025 @ The Close:**

Save the date for our High School Youth Retreat at The Close—a beautiful and peaceful property where we can step away from the noise and reconnect with God and each other. The weekend will include nature hikes, fun games, contemplative worship and prayer, and intentional discipleship.

### **Children's Church Volunteers Needed:**

We are in need of 7 volunteers to serve once a month in Children's Ministry, as well as substitutes willing to serve on an as needed basis. If you would be willing to serve, please reach out to Laurie [laurie@apostleslex.com](mailto:laurie@apostleslex.com) or call/text 734-718-1647.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Dinner: August 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm**

**Hosted at the Andersons**

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Food provided. Children welcome. RSVP not necessary but helpful when able.



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### **Friendly Reminders:**

*Please place your bulletins in a blue recycling bin after services.*

*We kindly ask that children stay on the Sanctuary level during  
discipleship hour and after services for their safety.*

*There is always a team available to pray with you during Communion.*