



# Apostles

## Anglican Church

**Holy Cross Day**

9/14/2025

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

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE BELL

### OPENING SONGS

#### Cornerstone

- 1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus name.*
- C. Christ alone; cornerstone. Weak made strong; in the Savior's love. Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.*
- 2. When Darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. My anchor holds within the veil.*
- 3. When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His righteousness alone; faultless stand before the throne.*

#### The Wonderful Cross

- 1. When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*
- 2. See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did ever such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*
- C. O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross! Bids me come and die, and find that I may truly live. O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross! All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.*
- 3. Were the whole realm of nature mine that were an offering far too small. Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all.*

## THE ACCLAMATION

Priest: Blessed be our God.

**People: *Now and for ever. Amen.***

Priest: Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the Cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

## THE LESSONS

### Isaiah 45:21-25

Declare and present your case;

let them take counsel together!

Who told this long ago?

Who declared it of old?

Was it not I, the Lord?

There is no other god besides me,  
a righteous God and a Saviour;  
there is no one besides me.

Turn to me and be saved,

all the ends of the earth!

For I am God, and there is no other.

By myself I have sworn,

from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness  
a word that shall not return:

‘To me every knee shall bow,  
every tongue shall swear.’

Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me,  
are righteousness and strength;  
all who were incensed against him  
shall come to him and be ashamed.  
In the Lord all the offspring of Israel  
shall triumph and glory.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 98**

- 1 O sing unto the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his own right hand and with his holy arm, \*  
he has won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD declared his salvation; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Show yourselves joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \*  
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
- 6 Praise the LORD with the harp; \*  
sing with the harp a psalm of thanksgiving.
- 7 With trumpets also and horns, \*  
O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that is in it, \*  
the round world, and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD, \*  
for he has come to judge the earth.
- 10 With righteousness shall he judge the world, \*  
and the peoples with equity.

**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.***

### **Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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 John.

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

### **John 12:31-36a**

Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, 'We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?' Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.'

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

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.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

## 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. For our sins he was lifted high upon the Cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and by his suffering and death he became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him

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

### Be the Center

*1. Jesus, be the center, be my source, be my light, Jesus*

*2. Jesus, be the center, be my hope, be my song, Jesus*

*C. Be the fire in my heart. Be the wind in these sails. Be the reason that I live, Jesus,  
Jesus.*

*3. Jesus, be my vision, be my path, be my guide, Jesus*

## 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

#### Wonderful, Merciful Savior

1. *Wonderful merciful Savior, precious redeemer and friend. Who would have thought that  
a  
Lamb could rescue the souls of men? O, You rescue the souls of men!  
C. You are the One that we praise. You are the one we adore. You give the healing and  
grace  
our hearts always hunger for. O, our hearts always hunger for.*
2. *Counselor, Comforter, Keeper Spirit we long to embrace. You offer hope when our hearts  
have hopelessly lost the way. Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way*
3. *Almighty, infinite Father faithfully loving Your own.  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne. O, we're falling before Your  
throne.*

### 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!*



## Apostles

Anglican Church

### September 14th Announcements:

#### Help Us Celebrate 30 Years of God's Faithfulness

This coming year, our church will celebrate a meaningful milestone—**30 years of God's faithfulness to Apostles Anglican Church**. Whether you've been part of our community from the beginning or just recently joined, you are part of a story God has been writing for three decades.

As we prepare for this anniversary, we're gathering photos and videos from across the years. We especially want to collect images that capture the life of our people; think of moments like baptisms, weddings, worship gatherings, small groups, mission trips, outreaches, church picnics, and everyday fellowship.

#### How to Share Your Photos & Videos

1. Upload digitally: You can scan the QR code on this bulletin to access the Drive link
2. Email us: [30years@apostleslex.com](mailto:30years@apostleslex.com)
3. Bring printed photos: We'll carefully scan them and return them to you.

 **Submission deadline: October 31, 2025**

With these memories, we'll create a keepsake photobook for every family in our congregation—a gift of remembrance and gratitude for God's work among us.

Thank you for helping us celebrate this milestone. ***Your story is our story***, and together we look forward to celebrating all God has done—and all He will do—with you.

## **It's almost time for Retreats!**

You can use the QR code below to access the links to signup for each of these retreats (women, men, and youth). Please see below for specific contact information and dates.

### ***High School Youth Retreat***

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> @ The Close:**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Samuel Hood at [samuele@apostleslex.com](mailto:samuele@apostleslex.com) or 816-518-5346.

### ***Women's Retreat***

**October 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> @ The Close:**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ruth Stanley at [ruthmuse@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthmuse@yahoo.com) or 859-312-4872

### ***Men's Retreat***

**November 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> @ The Close:**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Trevor Durbin at [trevor.durbin@gmail.com](mailto:trevor.durbin@gmail.com) or 859-552-0060.

### **Instructed Eucharist, September 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Next Sunday will be an instructed eucharist. Instead of a sermon/homily, there will be a brief explanation of theology and the various parts of the liturgy. This is a great week to invite someone to Apostles who is exploring Anglicanism.



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and more.

### **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.*