



Apostles

Anglican Church

Holy Cross Day

9/14/2025

Liturgy for the Traditional Service

The Anglican Church of North America

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE BELL (*congregation standing*)

HYMN: How Sure God's Purpose Is



The musical score is written on four staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes. The hymn consists of four verses, each corresponding to a line of music.

1. How sure God's pur - pose is - sal - va - tion's plan, de - signed
2. How sure God's sov - reign pow'r to bring His will a - bout!
3. How sure God's prom - ise is, our strength, our hope, our stay!
4. How sure God's pres - ence is! Though doubts and fears as - sail,

be - fore the earth and seas were made or stars a - lign'd!
In si - lent love, un - seen, He works His pur - pose out.
The pow'r that called forth light and life is ours to - day.
for us our ris - en Sav - ior's life and prayers pre - vail.

From far e - ter - nal years the Lamb of God was slain,
All foes be - neath His feet, all strength at His com - mand,
God's all - cre - a - ting truth His work of grace as - sures,
Em - man - u - el is ours - what pow'r can then dis - may?

and sin - ful souls made heirs of grace to share His reign!
nor sin, nor death, nor hell can halt His ho - ly hand.
for Christ, the Liv - ing Word of God our faith se - cures.
His Spir - it leads us safe - ly home to per - fect day!

THE ACCLAMATION

Priest: Blessed be our God.

People: *Now and for ever. Amen.*

Priest: Let us pray.

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.**

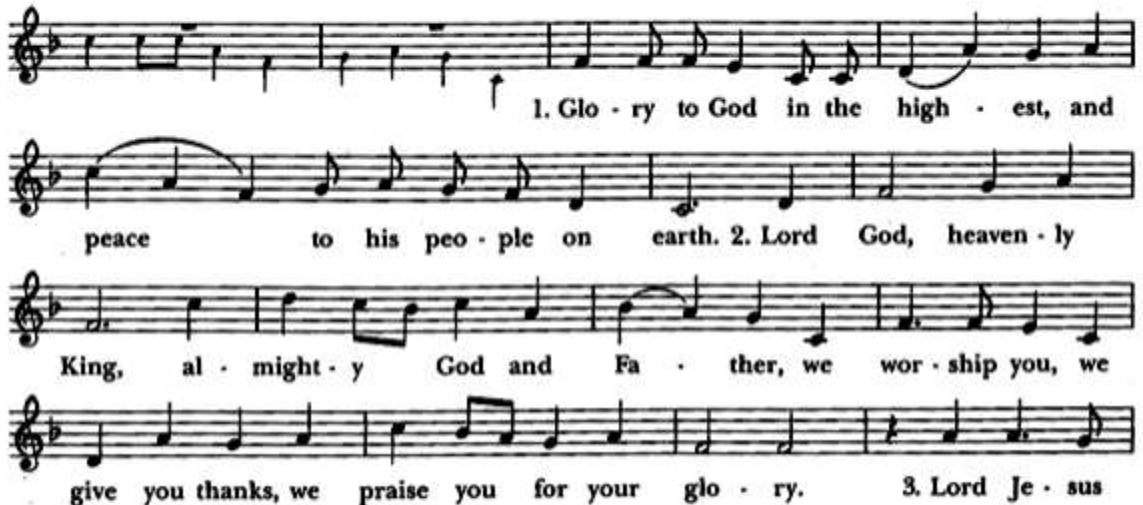
THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

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 *(congregation seated)*

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*)

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.*

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 and Allen, our Bishops, 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.**

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.***

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. 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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: Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

The image displays a musical score for a hymn, featuring a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are arranged in four-line stanzas, with the first line of each stanza corresponding to the first line of the musical staff. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and
2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come, God's free
3. Come, ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, lost and
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of

wound - ed, sick and sore; Je - sus read - y
boun - ty glo - ri - fy; true be - lief and
ruin - ed by the fall; if you tar - ry
fit - ness fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness

stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and pow'r.
true re - pen - tance, ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
He re - quir - eth is to feel your need of Him.

Refrain

I will a - rise and go to Je - sus;
He will em - brace me in His arms; in the arms of
my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

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!**

THE POSTLUDE: Canon (round) on "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" - arr. Carter/
Frazier (abridged)



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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
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 3rd - 5th @ The Close:

If you have any questions, please reach out to Samuel Hood at samuele@apostleslex.com or 816-518-5346.

Women's Retreat

October 17th - 19th @ The Close:

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ruth Stanley at ruthmuse@yahoo.com or 859-312-4872

Men's Retreat

November 7th - 9th @ The Close:

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

Instructed Eucharist, September 21st:

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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website, upcoming events,
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.*

*If you would like prayer following the service, please reach out to one of
the clergy.*