



# Apostles

## Anglican Church

**The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

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



## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE BELL

### OPENING SONG

#### In Christ Alone

1. *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.  
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness; scorned by the ones He came to save.*

*'Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.*

*For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.*

3. *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 it's grip on me.*

*For I am His and He is mine; brought with the precious blood of Christ.*

4. *No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath; Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man; can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Till He returns or calls me home; here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

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

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

Priest: Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## THE LESSONS

### **Exodus 12:21-28**

Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, 'Go, select lambs for your families, and slaughter the passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood in the basin. None of you shall go outside the door of your house until morning. For the Lord will pass through to strike down the Egyptians; when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over that door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you down. You shall observe this rite as a perpetual ordinance for you and your children. When you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this observance. And when your children ask you, "What do you mean by this observance?" you shall say, "It is the passover sacrifice to the Lord, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt, when he struck down the Egyptians but spared our houses." ' And the people bowed down and worshipped.

The Israelites went and did just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 40:1-11**

1 I waited patiently for the LORD, \*

and he inclined to me, and heard my call.

2 He brought me out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay; \*

he set my feet upon the rock, and secured my footing.

3 He has put a new song in my mouth, \*

a song of thanksgiving unto our God.

4 Many shall see and fear, \*

and shall put their trust in the LORD.

5 Blessed is the man who has set his hope in the LORD, \*

and has not turned to the proud, or to those who go about lying.

6 O LORD my God, great are the wondrous works which you have done, and also your thoughts toward us; \*

there is none who can be compared with you.

7 If I should declare them and speak of them, \*

they would be more than I am able to express.

8 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, \*

but my ears you have opened.

9 Burnt offerings and sin offerings you have not required, \*

and so I said, "Behold, I come;

10 In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I delight to do your will, O my God; \*

indeed, your law is within my heart."

11 I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; \*

behold, I will not restrain my lips, O LORD, and that you know.

**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.***

### **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 1:29-42**

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

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 all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to the leaders of our Province, Diocese, and Congregation.

We give you thanks, Lord, for sustaining us and guiding us through our search process for a new rector. We pray for Maddie, Rowan, and Samuel as you prepare them for this next step in their journey with you. Continue to be with us, prepare our hearts and spirits as we come into a new chapter in our life together. We are grateful for your faithfulness. All glory is yours.

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.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

### **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 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**

*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

### Joyous Light

*V1. Hail Gladdening Light, sun so bright. Jesus Christ, end of night, alleluia.*

*V2. Hail Gladdening Light, Eternal Bright. In evening time, 'round us shine. Alleluia, alleluia.*

*C. We hymn the Father, we hymn the Son. We hymn the Spirit, wholly Divine.*

*No one more worthy of songs to be sung. To the Giver Of Life, all glory is Thine.*

*V3. Hail Gladdening Light, such joyous Light. O Brilliant Star, forever shine, alleluia, alleluia.*

## 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

#### Famous One

*C. You are the Lord the Famous One, Famous One great is Your name in all the earth.  
The heavens declare You're glorious, glorious. Great is Your fame beyond the earth*

- 1. And for all You've done and yet to do with every breath I'm praising You  
Desire of nations and every heart. You alone are God, you alone are God*
- 2. The Morning Star is shining through. And every eye is watching You  
Revealed by nature and miracles You are beautiful, you are beautiful.*

## 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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### **Rector Announcement:**

On December 21st, our Vestry joyfully shared the good news that Apostles has called Rev. Samuel Hood to serve as our next rector. After completing his curacy, Samuel will begin this ministry among us on May 1. We give thanks to God for this answer to prayer and for the blessing of Samuel along with Maddie, and Rowan!

### **Discipleship Hour:**

Discipleship Hour will start on January 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be two classes offered, a Lectionary-based Bible study and a class on prayer based on the book "Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools" by Tyler Staton.

### **Children's Programs:**

After much work, the children's programs will return to their usual places. Please see Laurie Armstrong with any questions.

## **Andy Squyres Concert:**

We are honored to host songwriter Andy Squyres on February 10 at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free. Please come and enjoy an evening of meaningful songs and stories from one of today's most gifted Christian artists. Use the link below or the link in the newsletter to access the free tickets.



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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.*