



# Apostles

## Anglican Church

**World Mission Sunday**

2/8/2026

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



## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE BELL

### OPENING SONG

#### O Come to the Altar

*V1. Are you hurting and broken within?  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling*

*V2. Have you come to the end of yourself?  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?  
Jesus is calling*

#### *C. O come to the altar*

*The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

*V3. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today, there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling*

*V4. Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes, a new life is born  
Jesus is calling*

*B. Oh, what a Savior  
Isn't He wonderful?  
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen  
Bow down before Him  
For He is Lord of all  
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen*

*V5. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you found*

### Build My Life

#### (Verse 1)

*Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for you, for You*

#### (Verse 2)

*Jesus, the Name above every other name  
Jesus, the only One Who could ever save  
You're worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, we live for You*

#### (Chorus)

*Holy, there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me Who You are and fill me  
With Your heart and lead me  
In Your love to those around me*

#### (Bridge)

*I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken  
I will not be shaken*

## 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, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'  
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
'Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 67**

- 1 May God be merciful unto us, and bless us, \*  
and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.
- 2 Let your way be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
indeed, let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, \*  
for you shall judge the peoples righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, \*  
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
- 7 God shall bless us, \*  
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

**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.**

### **Acts 1:1-8**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of

the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

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 Matthew.

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

**Matthew 9:35-38**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

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.

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 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.**

## COMMUNION SONG

### Be Still My Soul

- 1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide; In every change, He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend. Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
- 2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future, as He has the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know. His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.**
- 3. Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise on earth, believing, to Thy Lord on high. Acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways, so shall He view thee with a well pleased eye. Be still, my soul: the Sun of life divine through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine.**

## 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. Be Still My Soul

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## 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

### Great Are You Lord

*V. You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken.  
Great are You, Lord.*

*C. It's Your breath in our lungs.  
So we pour out our praise; we pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs,  
so we pour out our praise to You only.*

*B. All the earth will shout Your praise.  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing.  
Great are You, Lord*

## 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

### **Vestry Nominations:**

Vestry Selection for 2026 is beginning now. Please read the attached handout and begin prayerfully discerning who the Lord is calling to serve on Vestry.

Please grab a printed nomination form from the welcome table. You are welcome to give the completed forms to Fr. Pete, place them in the offering plate or email to [pete@apostleslex.com](mailto:pete@apostleslex.com).

### **Discipleship Hour:**

Discipleship Hour begins this week! 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. You are welcome to join either even if you have not signed up ahead of time.

### **Andy Squyres Concert, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm:**

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.

### **Men's Cookout, February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm:**

You are invited to our Men's Winter Cookout to be held Wednesday, Feb 11 at 6:30 pm. We will use the Lakeshore Village Clubhouse (543 LakeTower Drive) just as we did last year. Since they are expecting a large number, they ask that you bring a Side, unless this is your first Men's Cookout, in which case, just bring yourself. Also please let me know if you are bringing your son(s) to the dinner.

Reach out to Mike Stratford for any questions and you can access the link to sign up to bring a side through the QR code below or through the link in the newsletter.

### **Walk for Warmth, February 21st @ 10 am:**

Join us Saturday, February 21st at 10:00am as we walk to raise money in support of Lexington Rescue Mission's Homelessness Intervention Program. The walk begins and ends at Calvary Baptist Church (150 E High St), and all walkers are invited to a celebratory lunch following the walk. Register for this event using the QR code below or with the link in our newsletter.

### **World Mission Sunday:**

If you would like to learn more about World Mission and partnering with the Anglican Church in Nigeria, please reach out to The Ven. Chibueze Abone at [Chibueze@apostleslex.com](mailto:Chibueze@apostleslex.com).



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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.*