

# Apostles Anglican Church

**Last Sunday of Epiphany: Transfiguration Sunday**

2/15/2026

**Liturgy for the Traditional Service**

The Anglican Church of North America

**THE PRELUDE:** Transfiguration - Dennis Eliot  
and "All Glory Be to God on High" - A. Armsdorf

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**THE BELL** (*congregation standing*)

**HYMN:** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tainheight, shin-ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest-ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev-il's might;  
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw,

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem.

an - them be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

### 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 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.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## THE LESSONS *(congregation seated)*

### **Exodus 24:12-18**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 99**

1 The LORD is King; let the peoples tremble; \*  
he sits between the cherubim; let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion \*  
and high above all peoples.

3 They shall give thanks unto his Name, which is great and wonderful; \*  
holy is he and mighty, a King who loves justice.

4 You have established equity; \*  
you have executed judgment and righteousness in Jacob.  
5 O magnify the LORD our God, \*  
and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.  
6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and he heard them.  
7 He spoke to them out of the cloudy pillar, \*  
for they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.  
8 You heard them, O LORD our God; \*  
you forgave them, O God, yet punished their evildoings.  
9 O magnify the LORD our God, and worship him upon his holy hill, \*  
for the LORD our God is holy.

**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 3:7-14**

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**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 Matthew.

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

## **Matthew 17:1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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 the leaders of our Province, Diocese, and Parish, 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.

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.

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.*

### 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.

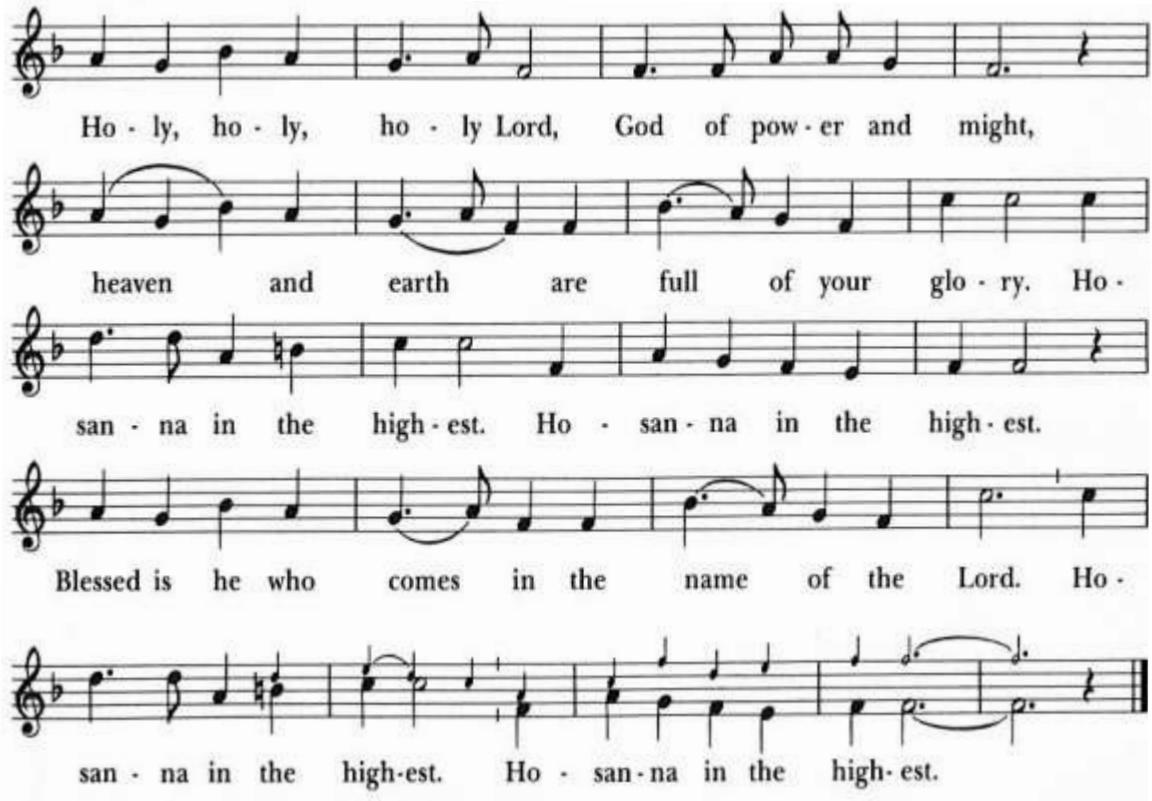
**People:** *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 DISCIPLESHP

*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:** Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1. Christ, Whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light,  
2. Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;  
3. Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till Thy mer - cy's beams I see;  
fill me, Ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
more and more Thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

## 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:** "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" (abridged) - G. Winston Cassler





## Apostles Anglican Church

### **What is Your Apostles' Story?**

We are so excited for our ***30th Anniversary Celebration*** coming up this ***April 25-26***. As we prepare for this anniversary, we're gathering stories of God's faithfulness in our midst. What is your story of God's faithfulness in your life while at Apostles? **We would love to hear it!** You can share your story by scanning the QR code below and filling out the "What is Your Apostles' Story?" form. You can also access this form in the newsletter. Thank you so much.

### **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.



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## **New Art Exhibit: *Candle in the Window***

By Dora Daniel

### *Artist Statement-*

There's a tradition to place a candle in the window for someone you know is coming at an unknown time.

Many waited for Christ. Expectant His arrival would bring change. From that first promise- that God would send someone to crush the head of the serpent. Through all the prophets, pain, and years, God was sending someone but we didn't know when. Then Jesus came and the waiting seemed fulfilled.

In many ways, it was.

But it was soon met with a strange truth: He came- and He died. It appeared like the line would not continue.

The candle would not be relit.

Yet dying was not the only thing he would do to complete the work. It was by coming to life again that Jesus transformed the world. What began as a line of burning candles became something different altogether- the centered Sun of Glory. Jesus renewing our life. He fixes our pain, hopes, and life into His constant light. The small warmth and light of the candle cannot compare to resurrection life.

A changed reality of waiting and hope of Glory in the Easter resurrection- eternal and glorious.



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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.*

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