



# Apostles

## Anglican Church

**The Third Sunday in Lent**

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

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE BELL

## OPENING SONG

### The Lion and the Lamb

*(Verse 1)*

*He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty*

*(Chorus)*

*Our God is the Lion  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him*

***(Verse 2)***

***So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty***

***(Bridge)***

***Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)***

**Worthy**

**(Verse 1)**

***It was my cross You bore  
So I could live in the freedom You died for  
And now my life is Yours  
And I will sing of Your goodness forevermore***

**(Chorus)**

***Worthy is Your name Jesus  
You deserve the praise worthy is Your name  
Worthy is Your name Jesus  
You deserve the praise worthy is Your name***

**(Verse 2)**

***And now my shame is gone  
I stand amazed in Your love undeniable  
Your grace goes on and on  
And I will sing of Your goodness forevermore***

**(Bridge)**

***Be exalted now in the heavens  
As Your glory fills this place  
You alone deserve our praise  
You're the name above all names***

## THE ACCLAMATION

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

***People: His mercy endures for ever.***

Priest: Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## THE LESSONS

### **Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to

Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalm 95**

- 1 O come, let us sing unto the LORD; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the depths of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.
- 6 O come, let us worship and fall down, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

8 Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts \*  
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the  
wilderness,

9 When your fathers tested me, \*  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said,  
\*

“It is a people that err in their hearts, for they have not  
known my ways,”

11 Of whom I swore in my wrath \*  
that they should not enter into my rest.

**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.***

### **Romans 1:16-32**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for  
salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to  
the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through  
faith for faith; as it is written, ‘The one who is righteous will live  
by faith.’

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all  
ungodliness and wickedness of those who by their wickedness  
suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to  
them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation  
of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though  
they are, have been understood and seen through the things he

has made. So they are without excuse; for though they knew God, they did not honour him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their senseless minds were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools; and they exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling a mortal human being or birds or four-footed animals or reptiles.

Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the degrading of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever! Amen.

For this reason God gave them up to degrading passions. Their women exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural, and in the same way also the men, giving up natural intercourse with women, were consumed with passion for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the due penalty for their error.

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind and to things that should not be done. They were filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, covetousness, malice. Full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, craftiness, they are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, rebellious towards parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. They know God's decree, that those who practise such things deserve to die—yet they not only do them but even applaud others who practise them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Gospel** (*congregation standing*)

***What love could remember no wrongs we have done***

***Omniscient, all knowing He counts not their sum***

***Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore***

***Our sins they are many His mercy is more***

***Praise the Lord, His mercy is more***

***Stronger than darkness, new every morn***

***Our sins they are many His mercy is more***

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
John.

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

**John 4:1-26; 39-42**

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, ‘Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John’ — although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized — he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship

what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

***What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood ‘neath a death we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more***

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

## 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.

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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

## **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.

## **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**

### **Holy Forever**

#### ***(Verse 1)***

***A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us  
And all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb***

#### ***(Pre-Chorus)***

***(Jesus) Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all***

***(Chorus 1)***

***And the angels cry Holy  
All creation cries Holy  
You are lifted high Holy  
Holy forever***

***(Verse 2)***

***If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen***

***(Chorus 2)***

***Hear Your people sing Holy  
To the King of Kings Holy  
You will always be Holy  
Holy forever***

***(Tag)***

***You will always be Holy  
Holy forever***

**THE DISMISSAL**

**Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.**

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







## Apostles

Anglican Church

### **Register for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:**

We would love for you to join us as we celebrate 30 years of God's faithfulness. ***Please take a moment to register for the celebration so we can plan well for food and activities.*** The registration deadline is March 31st. You can access the link through the QR code below or through the link in the newsletter.

### **Easter Meal:**

Please note that in light of the coming 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and New Rector Installation, ***we will not be hosting a formal Easter Meal this year*** (we will return to this tradition next year, have no fear!)

We encourage you to gather together with family and friends, people you know and maybe those you don't know as well, to celebrate the Resurrection.

Additionally, we invite you to mark your calendars for these special events (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Rector Installation) in April and May. We look forward to celebrating together.

### **Volunteers Welcome:**

We are always excited to welcome members of our congregation into deeper participation in the service. If you are interested in being an acolyte, reader, chalice bearer, being on the prayer team, etc. please reach out to [mandy@apostleslex.com](mailto:mandy@apostleslex.com). We would love to add you to our rotation of volunteers.

### **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.

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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.*