

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ
MAY 7, 2017*

All Creatures Of Our God And King

1 All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

*O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
O praise Him alleluia
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice

3 And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O sing ye alleluia
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on Him cast your care

Alleluia alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

4 Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One

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EASTER SHOUT

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR PURITY

All: **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.**

Leader: Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Rise

Your love will never fail
You're steadfast
Your promises are true
You're faithful
You cover all my sins with forgiveness
My eyes have seen your ways
Your goodness

Love and Faithfulness meet
We behold your glory
Righteousness and Peace kiss
Heaven's all around us

*Spring up, O Well!
Living water rise within us
Spring up, O Well!
Holy Spirit deep within us
Rise, rise*

We'll see your goodness
in the land of the living

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Agnus Dei

Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia

*Holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
Amen*

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CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

People: May the Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

People: May the Word of the Lord grow in your hearts.

Children: Thanks be to God!

People: Go in the peace of the Lord.

At this time, children 4k-2nd grade are invited to go to Kids Time and children 3rd-5th grade are invited to go to Big Time. Kids Time is a dynamic worship service and Big Time is an age appropriate discussion time. Both cater to younger children and prepare them to participate in the main worship service. The children will return prior to Communion.

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-13 (p. 988)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

John 13:34-35 (p. 876)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: This Is Love

Love

Rev. Patrick Dominguez

THE APOSTLES CREED (said together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church*, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** The phrase "holy catholic Church" in the Creed means the Church worldwide.*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: Heavenly Father, turn your ear to us and hear the prayers of your people:

We pray for your Church worldwide, that you would fill us with the knowledge of your will through all the wisdom and understanding that your Spirit gives;

People: So that we may live a life worthy of you and please you in every way.

Leader: Lord Jesus, in you all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;

People: Therefore, guide those with power and authority in our world to act according to your purposes.

Leader: For our mission partner North Raleigh Ministries, that you would provide people and resources to help them assist those who are in need.

People: Show your abundant faithfulness, mercy and love to all who come seeking assistance.

Leader: Lord, your gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world. Make us wise in the way we act toward outsiders;

People: That we may know how to give an answer for the hope we have in you.

Leader: Lord, we trust in your glorious might; hear us as we pray.

(You are invited to pray for personal needs, and the needs in our world, either silently or aloud.)

Leader: Lord, in your goodness and grace:

People: Hear our prayers, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader: Now, trusting in the kindness and love of God our savior, let us humbly confess our sins to our Lord:

CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; that we may live godly, righteous, and sober lives, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

—The absolution of sin is to be pronounced by a priest who symbolically stands in the authority of God to forgive the sins of those who truly repent (Matthew 16:19, John 20:23).

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you;

People: And also with you.

WELCOME and OFFERING

King Of My Heart

1 Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

*You are good good, oh Lord
You are good good, oh Lord*

2 Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song

You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down

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HOLY COMMUNION

*(All baptized and believing followers of our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to partake in Holy Communion regardless of denomination. It is our custom to use wine during communion. **If you prefer, you may receive grape juice** from the smaller chalices on the end of the serving lines. If it would not be authentic for you to receive Communion, you may remain in your seat and contemplate the prayers on the following page.)*

Leader: Is the Father with us?

People: He is.

Leader: Is Christ among us?

People: He is.

Leader: Is the Spirit here?

People: He is.

Leader: This is our God.

People: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Leader: We are His people.

People: We are redeemed.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.*

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

Leader continues in Eucharistic Prayer...

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Our Father In Heaven (The Lord's Prayer)

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your Name
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as in heav'n

Give us today our daily bread
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 forever, Amen.*

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Unable to come forward? Please inform an usher to request that Communion be brought to you.
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT TAKING HOLY COMMUNION

The Church of The Apostles welcomes all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, to receive Holy Communion with us by coming forward to one of the communion stations at the front. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Thank you.

Prayer of Belief.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Please come into my life through the power of your Holy Spirit. Thank you.

A prayer team is available to pray with you at the back of the worship area.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

1 Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God

2 Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God

3 Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God

4 Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
You have washed us with Your blood
You have washed us with Your blood
You have washed us with Your blood
You are worthy Lamb of God

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I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say
Come unto Me and rest
Lay down thou weary one
Lay down thy head upon My breast
*I came to Jesus as I was
Weary and worn and sad
I found in Him a resting place
And He has made me glad*

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say
Behold I freely give
The living water thirsty one
Stoop down and drink and live
*I came to Jesus and I drank
Of that life giving stream
My thirst was quenched my soul revived
And now I live in Him*

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say
I am this dark worlds Light
Look unto Me thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright
*I looked to Jesus and I found
In Him my Star my Sun
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done*

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We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

1 We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

2 In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

3 Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (said together)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen.

Doxology

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

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EASTER SHOUT and DISMISSAL

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

WELCOME!

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. We want to get to know you! Yellow connection cards can be found under the seats in the sanctuary. Please fill one out and drop it in the offering basket.

Connect



We want to keep you connected to the life of Apostles! To be added to *The Pulse* contacts, fill out a yellow connection card and drop in the offering basket. You will receive our weekly e-newsletter and other important church-wide announcements.



Our online communication tool connects you to ministries and members of the Apostles community. For more info contact Marsha Whyte: marsha@apostles-raleigh.org



Community

Interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Consider joining a Community Group! Various community groups meet throughout the week. Contact Curt for more information.

Curt Solomon
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Student Ministry Small Groups happen Sundays at 5:30pm during the school year. (6th - 12th grades)
Contact Chris for more information.

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Serve

There are several way to connect and serve in the life of Apostles. Take a look at our Ministry Teams and find out how you can get involved. If there is an area or gifting that you have that you do not see listed, we want to know about it!

apostles-raleigh.org/church

Seek Prayer

The Apostles Prayer Ministry is a safe place to seek prayer for a variety of concerns.

You will find trained prayer teams and a prayer room at the back of the sanctuary.

Abiding Prayer

The Prayer Ministry will have "Abiding Prayer" on the **first and third Wednesdays of the month** in the Youth Room from 7-8pm. This is an hour of quiet, individual, contemplative prayer done together. It's a great time to worship and rest in the Lord. There is something special about doing this together as a group.

On the first Wednesdays of the month there are also prayer teams available to pray one on one with you during the Abiding Prayer time. This is another opportunity to receive prayer by a trained prayer team outside of the Sunday morning service. We hope you can join us on during this time!

What's Happening at Apostles

Men's Spring Dinner ~ Thursday, May 18 | 6:00pm ~ Men of Apostles! You are invited to join us for this evening of food and fellowship. Invite your neighbors, sons and friends! Please RSVP to Frank Andrassy {frankandrassy@gmail.com}. Volunteer help is also needed.

PUSH THE ENVELOPE continues today! This is a great way to support Student Ministry summer trip scholarships, including the Rwanda Team in July. Be on the lookout for the envelope boards in the lobby! *Envelopes may be returned in the offering basket.*

This Week

Sunday, May 7

- Worship Service: 8:30am & 11:00am
- Sunday School: 10am
- 20s + 30s Coffee: 10am
- The Deal: 5:30-7pm

Monday, May 8

- Muffins 'n More: 10-11:30am
- Community HOPE: 4:30-6:30pm

Tuesday, May 9

- Tuesday Praise & Prayer: 1:30-3:30pm
- Community HOPE: 4:30-6:30pm

Wednesday, May 10

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am (offsite)
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15-8:15am
- Community HOPE: 4:30-6:30pm

Thursday, May 11

- Blackwater Group (M): 7-8am (offsite)

Friday, May 12

- Bedheads (W): 6-7am

(M) Men | (W) Women

Coming Soon

Summer Worship Schedule begins June 11

- one 10am Service •

Children's Ministry

Lessons for May 7

- **Nursery:** Paul Tells About Jesus {Acts 16:9-15}
- **Kid's Time:** Families Can Help Us Know Jesus {Acts 16:1-5}
- **Big Time:** Love {1 John 4:7-12}

VBS 2017! June 25 ~ 5:30-8pm (covered dish dinner)

Monday, June 26 - Thursday, June 29 ~ 9am-12pm

Registration : www.apostles-raleigh.org/vbs2017

Student Ministry

- **TONIGHT** ~ The Deal + Small Groups: 5:30-7pm
- **May 14** ~ Student Sunday | NO DEAL {Mother's Day}
- **May 21** ~ The Deal + Small Groups: 5:30-7pm

SUMMER 2017

Middle School Great Escape ~ June 11-16 {Sign ups open!}

High School Mission Trip ~ July 9-15 {Sign ups open!}

Middle School IMPACT Week (local) ~ July 31 - August 4



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