

Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ
APRIL 23, 2017
11:00 AM

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

3 Let e'ery kindred e'ery tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

4 O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

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EASTER SHOUT

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR PURITY

Leader: 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.

People: 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.

Great Are You Lord

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore ev'ry
heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

*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*

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

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How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

2 And when I think
that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

3 When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

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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. Kids Time is a dynamic worship service that caters to younger children and prepares them to participate in the main worship service. The children will return prior to Communion.

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:19-24 (p. 987)

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 12:37-50 (p. 873)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: This Is Love
Guilty as Charged, But God is Greater
Rev. Eric Bolash

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: 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 Gateway Ministry as they minister to women and men who find themselves in unplanned pregnancies;

People: Guide them to offer gracious counsel, showing the compassionate love of Christ in every interaction.

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're 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

And Can It Be

1 And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain!
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

2 He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

3 Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

4 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (said together)

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

Forever and ever Amen

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.

Blessed Be Our God (Forever and Ever)

Blessed be our God forever and ever
Blessed be our God forever and ever
Blessed be our God forever and ever
Amen

Glory to our God forever and ever
Glory to our God forever and ever
Glory to our God forever and ever
Amen

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Good Good Father

1 I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am
It's who I am

2 I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need
Before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

3 Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

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Lord Most High

*Throughout the endless ages
You will be crowned with praises
Lord Most High
Exalted in every nation
Sovereign of all creation
Lord Most High be magnified*

From the salt of the earth
From the light of the world
From the hearts you redeemed
One Voice we raise

To the Father of light
To the Son on the throne
To the Spirit of Jesus
One Lord we praise now

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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.

Mighty To Save

*Savior
He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave*

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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
curt@apostles-raleigh.org



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

Chris Hendricks
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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 in the back of the sanctuary, toward the right as you enter.

Discovering Apostles

Considering membership at Church of the Apostles?

Just want to learn more about who we are?

Join us for the next Discovering Apostles Class on **Saturday, April 29** from 9am-12pm to learn about the mission and ministry of Apostles.

Contact Marsha for details and to sign up:
marsha@apostles-raleigh.org
919-782-0550

Childcare is available upon request.

What's Happening at Apostles

Singleness in the Church: A Discussion | Monday, May 1, 7:30pm ~ Single adults of all stages of life - unmarried, divorced, widowed - are invited to take part in a discussion about what it is like to be single in the church. This will be an informal gathering where people can meet and share with one another. Contact Laura Witter {laura@apostles-raleigh.org} for more information.

The Men's Ministry is hosting their annual **National Day of Prayer** gathering on **Thursday, May 4th** at the church. This is a great community prayer opportunity, all men are welcome. We will gather at 6:30am, commence prayer at 6:45am, and will finish before 8:00am. Coffee will be available.

Leadership Council nominations are currently being taken until April 30. Nomination forms with submission instructions can be found in the main lobby.

This Week

Sunday, April 23

- Worship Service: 9:00am & 11:00am
- Sunday School: 10am
- The Deal: 5:30-7pm

Monday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 25

- Tuesday at Noon (W): 12-1pm
- Tuesday Praise & Prayer: 1:30-3:30pm
- Community HOPE: 4:30-6:30pm

Wednesday, April 26

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

Thursday, April 27

- Men's Fraternity (M): 6:30-8am
- Blackwater Group (M): 7-8am (offsite)
- Community HOPE: 4:30-6:30pm

Friday, April 28

- Bedheads (W): 6-7am

Children's Ministry

Lessons for April 23

- **Nursery:** The Road to Emmaus {Luke 24}
- **Kid's Time:** Philip Helps the Ethiopian Man {Acts 8}

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

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

ROME: Paul and the Underground Church! Explore a crowded Roman marketplace, tip-toe past watchful Roman guards, encourage first-century Christians who meet in a dark cave, race chariots, and visit Paul for daily discoveries about God's love. **Registration :** www.apostles-raleigh.org/vbs2017

Student Ministry

- **TONIGHT!** ~ The Deal + Small Groups: 5:30-7pm
- **April 30** ~ NINE1NINE: Bigger & Better
- **May 5** ~ Senior Night: 6:30-8pm

Theology of the Body ~ Beginning today, April 23, the high school students will begin a 4-week study on sexuality and theology of the body during the *10 Hour* (Sunday School). Sue Koehler will lead the girls and Farr Curlin and Chris Hendricks will lead the boys.

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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