

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ
APRIL 2, 2017*

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

2 My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

*(So) come on and sing out
Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love
Jesus*

3 Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

4 He breaks the power of canceled sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

5 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heaven.

ACCLAMATION & PRAYER FOR PURITY

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

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.

Indescribable

1 From the highest of heights
To the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall
To the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique
In the song that it sings
All exclaiming

*Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful, untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God*

2 Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt
Where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses
Laden with snow
Who imagined the sun
And gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us
The coolness of night
None can fathom

*Indescribable, Uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me me the same
You are amazing God*

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Your Great Name

1 Lost are saved find their way
At the sound of Your great Name
All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of Your great Name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great Name
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of Your great Name

*Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name*

2 All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great Name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great Name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great Name
The sick are healed the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name

Redeemer my Healer Lord Almighty
Defender my Savior You are my King

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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 3:11-18 (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 13:33-38 (p. 875)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: This Is Love

The Test of Love

Rev. Patrick Dominguez

THE NICENE CREED (said together)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 phrase "holy catholic Church" means the Church worldwide.*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father. For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, let us pray to the Father. For the mission of the Church, that we would faithfully preach the gospel to the ends of the earth; let us pray to the Father.

People: In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Father.

People: Lord of compassion, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger, that they may be relieved and protected, let us pray to the Father.

People: In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to the Father.

People: Lord of compassion, hear our prayer.

Leader: For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, let us pray to the Father.

People: In your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Leader: God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our prayers, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Leader: Let us declare the promise of God for us:

All: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. {1 John 1:8-9}

HOLY CONFESSION (said together)

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

*Leader: Church, hear the Good News: In Christ, all your sins are forgiven!
The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

People: And also with you.

WELCOME and OFFERING

I'm Putting On The Love Of The Lord (Ode 3)

I'm putting on the love of the Lord
I'm putting on the love of the Lord
I'm putting on the love of the Lord
I'm putting on the love of the Lord
And I will be no stranger
And I will be no stranger
For He loves me, For He loves me
Alleluia, Alleluia
Undivided, Undivided
Alleluia, Alleluia

Because my love is Him that is the Son
I shall become a child of God
I love Him, because He first loved me
And where His rest is, I know that I shall be

For He loves me, For He loves me
Alleluia, Alleluia
Undivided, Undivided
Alleluia, Alleluia

Immortal God of Earth and Heaven
Be our Wisdom, and guide us in our ways
Lord, awaken us in love, mighty Counselor
And unite us to serve You in this day

For Your glory, For Your glory
Alleluia, Alleluia
Undivided, Undivided
Alleluia, Alleluia

I'm putting on the love of the Lord
I'm putting on the love of the Lord
I'm putting on the love of the Lord
I'm putting on the love of the Lord

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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: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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 them 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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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (said together)

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink of the body and blood of your dear Son Jesus Christ, that our sinful bodies may be cleansed 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.

*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.

COMMUNION SONGS (Please join in singing during communion.)

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

Trinity Song

Leader: Holy Father, Son and Spirit

Holy Communion, Three-in-one

People: Holy Father, Son and Spirit

Holy Communion, Three-in-one

Leader: Come with your peace, with your invitation

Bind us together in holy love

People: Come with your peace, with your invitation

Bind us together in holy love

Sandra McCracken

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Just As I Am

1 Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

2 Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many conflicts, many doubts
Fightings and fears within, without
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind
Sight, riches, healing of the mind
Yea, all I need in Thee to find
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

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Jesus Messiah

1 He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

2 His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled
and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

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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

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, and live in peace; and may the God of love and peace, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. 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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DISMISSAL

Leader: *Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.*
People: **Thanks be to God!**

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



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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.

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!

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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.

EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS!

We are in need of about 30 volunteers for The Great Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 15**.

If you are able to help, please contact Joelle Webster {joelle.webster@gmail.com}.

Volunteers need to arrive at Eastgate Park at 9:00am {event from 10am-12pm}.

NEEDS:

set up tables + chairs
egg hiding
bounce house monitor
serving food

This would be a great service opportunity for Community Groups!

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ APOSTLES

Easter Lily Dedication ~ We will be decorating the sanctuary with lilies this Easter season. If you would like to give one in honor or in memory of someone, email Laura {laura@apostles-raleigh.org} with (1) "in honor of" or "in memory of", (2) the person's name, and (3) who is giving the gift. The list of dedications will be in the Easter Sunday bulletin. A \$15 minimum donation, which supports the flower ministry, is suggested.

THIS WEEK @ APOSTLES

Sunday, April 2

- Worship Service: 8:30am & 11:00am
- Sunday School: 10:00am
- Young Adult Coffee Hour (20's + 30's): 10-11am | Courtyard
- Guatemala Team Meeting: 1:30-3pm | Room 208
- The Deal: 5:30-7pm

Monday, April 3

- Community Hope: 4:30-6:30pm
- Women in the Word (W): 7-9pm

Tuesday, April 4

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

Wednesday, April 5

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am (offsite)
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15-8:15am
- Growing in Grace (W): 9:30-11am
- Community Hope: 4:30-6:30pm
- Drop-In Prayer: 7-8:30pm | Youth Room
- Lent Compline: 8:45pm

Thursday, April 6

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

Friday, April 7

- Bedheads (W): 6-7am

COMING SOON @ APOSTLES

APRIL

9 ~ Palm Sunday

13 ~ Maundy Thursday Service | 6pm

14 ~ Good Friday Service | 12pm

15 ~ The Great Egg Hunt | Eastgate Park | 10am-12pm

16 ~ Easter Sunday | *9am* & 11am services

17 ~ Chris Armstrong Lecture | 7pm

Baptism Sunday ~ April 23* {date change} | Our next baptism will be on April 23. We ask that least one parent of the child being baptized be a member at Apostles. If you are interested in having your child baptized, please email Marsha. {marsha@apostles-raleigh.org}

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ APOSTLES

Lessons for April 2

> **Nursery:** One Man Thanks Jesus {Luke 17:11-19}

> **Kid's Time:** Jesus Forgives Zaccheus {Luke 19:1-10}

> **Big Time:** The Test of Love {1 John 3:11-18}

STUDENT MINISTRY @ APOSTLES

> **TONIGHT** ~ The Deal + Small Groups: 5:30-7pm

> **April 9** ~ The Deal + Small Groups: 5:30-7pm

> **April 16** ~ NO DEAL {Easter}

> **April 23** ~ The Deal + Small Groups: 5:30-7pm

> **April 30** ~ NINE1NINE: Bigger & Better

> **May 5th** ~ Senior Night: 6:30-8pm



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9

8:30am & 11:00am Services

We will gather outside (weather permitting) before services for a processional into the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 13 | 6:00pm

Good Friday Service {@ COTA}

Friday, April 14 | 12:00pm

The Great Egg Hunt

Community Outreach Event

Saturday, April 15 | 10am-12pm | Eastgate Park

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 27

9:00am & 11:00am Services

Fellowship hour in between services with coffee and donuts.

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