

Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ
MAY 13, 2018
STUDENT SUNDAY

Holy God

1 Creating, commanding, transcendent Adonai
Defending love, destroying sin, the Warrior Divine

Holy, holy, holy God
Holy, holy, holy God

2 Forgiving, redeeming, from every tribe and tongue
Arising first, the nail scarred Lamb, Salvation's Champion

3 Romancing, pursuing, reclaiming to restore
Releasing hearts, transforming lives, the Lion's mighty roar

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EASTER SHOUT & OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Eternal Lord, God Almighty, in the name of him who is the resurrection and the life, we come to worship you, for Christ is the first born from the dead, the first fruits of those who slept.

People: This is the day that the Lord has made; we rejoice and are glad in it. To you be all glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One God forever and ever. Amen.

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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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. 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

Daniel 7:13-14

(p. 727)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Matthew 28:16-20

(p. 881)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Duty to Delight

Paul Morales

Graham Watkins

Claire Alspaugh

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, we praise and thank you this day for the mothers in our lives.

People: For the unconditional love you instill in their souls, and the sacrifices they make for their children.

Leader: Bless every woman at the beginning of motherhood, caring for newborn babies and toddlers.

People: Bless every mother raising teenage sons and daughters.

Leader: Bless all single mothers, and strengthen them for their calling.

People: Bless every woman called to love and nurture the child of another.

Leader: Bless each young girl among us, and lead them to love and serve you.

People: Bless the young women among us, learning to serve you in their work, families, and friendships.

Leader: Bless every grandmother who cares for their adult children and grandchildren.

People: Bless all mothers grieving the loss of a child.

Leader: Bless and comfort women who yearn to know the calling of motherhood.

People: Make yourself known to mothers who have yet to put their faith in Christ.

Leader: For all mothers who now share in your heavenly banquet, give us joyful memories of how they cared for and loved us.

People: Bless every woman present today. Keep them healthy in body, mind and spirit. Let them turn to you when they struggle, and rejoice when they see you provide.

Leader: Let us take a moment either silently or aloud to pray for the needs in our church and in the world.

Leader: Almighty God, who has promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in your Son's Name:

People: Mercifully incline your ear to us and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to your will, may be obtained according to our needs, and for the praise of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 on us, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, 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 (Matt 16:19, John 20:23).

*Leader: May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever. **Amen.***

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME & OFFERING

I Am Set Free

You broke my chains of sin and shame
And You covered me with grace
You mend my life with Your holy fire
You cover me with grace
And You are the hand that reaches out to save

*(And) I am set free oh
I am set free oh
It is for freedom that I am set free*

(And) yes Lord we are grateful for Your grace
And for Your love

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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.

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

We welcome 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.

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.

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

O Come To The Altar

1 Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

2 Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

3 Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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Death Was Arrested

1 Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

2 Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

*Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You*

3 Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began

*Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You*

4 Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began
That's when death was arrested and my life began

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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.

It Is Well With My Soul

1 When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well
It is well with my soul

*It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul*

2 My sin O the bliss
Of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul

3 And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well
With my soul

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BENEDICTION

Leader: All our problems,

People: we send to the cross of Christ.

Leader: All our difficulties,

People: we send to the cross of Christ.

Leader: All the devil's works,

People: we send to the cross of Christ.

Leader: All our hopes,

People: we set on the risen Christ!

Leader: Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you, and scatter the darkness from before your path; and, may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er

I'll fly away

To a home on God's celestial shore

I'll fly away

I'll fly away O glory

I'll fly away (in the morning)

When I die hallelujah by and by

I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then

I'll fly away

To a land where joys shall never end

I'll fly away

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EASTER SHOUT & 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



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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 Jay for more information.

Jay Traylor

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The Deal + Small Groups (6th - 12th grades)

happen Sundays from 6-8pm during the school year. Contact Emily for more information.

Emily Gebbie

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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.

Outreach

A great way to get involved is by connecting with one of our local Mission Partners:

Beyond Imagination
Camp Oak Hill
Community HOPE of the Y
CORRAL Riding Academy
FOCUS Student Ministry
Gateway
Gideon International
House of Hope
Jobs for Life
JusticeMatters
Loaves and Fishes Ministry
Neighbor To Neighbor
NeighborHealth Center
North Raleigh Ministries
YoungLife {Raleigh}
The Encouraging Place
Women's Prison Ministry

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What's Happening at Apostles

Women's Ministry Fellowship ~ Wednesday, May 16 Please drop by the Fellowship Hall!

Pick a time that works for you: 8:30-10:00am | 12:30-2:00pm | 5:00-6:30pm

Share ideas, hear about exciting upcoming events, and find out how you can serve. Stay for a few minutes or as long as you like. Light refreshments served. Children welcome! Questions: Ann Dotson, Women's Ministry Director [{ann@apostles-raleigh.org}](mailto:ann@apostles-raleigh.org)

This Week

Sunday, May 13

- Worship Services:
8:30am & 11:00am
- Sunday School: 10am

Tuesday, May 15

- Tuesday Praise & Prayer: 1-2pm

Wednesday, May 16

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am
(offsite)
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15-8:15am
- Abiding Prayer: 7-8pm
- Leadership Council: 7-9pm

Thursday, May 17

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



Coming Soon

5/20 ~ Pentecost Sunday

5/24 ~ Men's Ministry Spring Dinner | 6:30pm

Men of Apostles ... bring your sons, your neighbors, your friends but most of all yourself to our annual spring dinner! **RSVP:** frankadrassy@gmail.com

5/27 ~ Summer worship schedule begins. One service at 10:00am.

Student Ministry

5/18 ~ Durham Bulls Game | Apostles Students and their families are invited to join us for an evening at the ball park to watch the Durham Bulls take on the Indianapolis Indians. Game starts at 7:05pm followed by a fireworks show.

Tickets: \$11.25 See Paul or Emily to purchase tickets!

Children's Ministry

Lessons for May 13, 2018

- **Nursery:** A Boy Helps Paul {Acts 23:12-35}
- **Kids Time:** Knowing What to Do {1 Kings 3:16-28}

Vacation Bible School 2018
Shipwrecked ~ Rescued by Jesus
Sunday, June 24 - Thursday, June 28

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