

Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ
MARCH 26, 2017

Holy God

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

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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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.

Beautiful One

1 Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love
Your cross has spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen, no ear has heard
No heart could fully know
How glorious how beautiful You are

*Beautiful One I love
Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing*

2 Powerful, so powerful
Your glory fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty
Awakes my heart to sing
How marvelous how wonderful You are

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew
You captured my heart with this love
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You

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Fairest Lord Jesus

*Show us show us Your glory
Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord*

1 Fairest Lord Jesus
Ruler of all nature
O Thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish
Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory
Joy and crown

2 Fair is the sunshine
Fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels
Heav'n can boast

3 Beautiful Savior
Lord of the nations
Son of God and Son of man
Glory and honor praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

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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 2:28-3:10

(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 Matthew.

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Matthew 12:22-28

(p. 793)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: This Is Love

Giving the Devil a Bad Day

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. Lord of compassion,

People: In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: 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. Lord of compassion,

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. Lord of compassion,

People: In your mercy, 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. Lord of compassion,

People: In your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

People: In your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

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.

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: This is love, not that we loved God,

People: But that he loved us and sent his Son.

Leader: He is the sacrifice for our sins,

People: That we might live through him.

Leader: If God loves us so much,

People: We ought to love one another.

Leader: If we love one another,

People: God lives in us. 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

No Longer Slaves

1 You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

2 From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

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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.

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

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.

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

1 How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

2 Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

3 I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Behold

1 The empty filled, the wounded healed
The broken back together
The poor are blessed, the weary rest
We will dance forever
The blinded see, the chained are free
The doubtful now believer
The outcast known, the orphan home
You are my redeemer

*Behold! Behold! Behold what love can do
Behold! Behold! He's making all things new*

2 The lost returned, the voiceless heard
The mourner now rejoicing
The mountains shake the world awake
Creation all composing
The sad untrue, the earth renewed
The song has found its singer
The darkness light, the dead alive
You are my redeemer

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One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

1 Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains
One thing remains

*Your love never fails
It never gives up
Never runs out on me
Your love*

2 On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains

In death in life I'm confident and
Cover'd by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that
Can separate my heart from Your great
love

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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.

Your Great Name We Praise

*Most holy most glorious the Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious Your great Name we praise*

Great Father of Glory pure Father of Light
Your angels adore You all veiling their sight
All praise we will render oh Father of Grace
Till one day in splendor we see face to face

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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.

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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!

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.

OUTREACH

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

Beyond Imagination
Camp Oak Hill
Community HOPE of the Y
CORRAL Riding Academy
FOCUS Student Ministry
Gateway
House of Hope
Jobs for Life
JusticeMatters
Love INC Raleigh
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 @ APOSTLES

Chris Armstrong Lecture - Monday, April 17, 7-8:30pm | Dr. Armstrong will join us to share a lecture, *In Praise of Ordinary Work*, which promotes the richness of "ordinary work" and builds appreciation for those who toil in what we would call "ordinary labor." Dr. Armstrong directs *Opus: The Art of Work* at Wheaton College, where he also serves on the biblical and theological studies faculty.

Baptism Sunday ~ April 23* {date change} | Our next baptism will be on April 23. We ask that at 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

THIS WEEK @ APOSTLES

Sunday, March 26

- Worship Service: 8:30am & 11:00am
- Sunday School: 10:00am
- NINE1NINE: SK80's Night

Monday, March 27

- Muffins 'n More: 10-11:30am
- Community Hope: 4:30-6:30pm
- Women in the Word (W): 7-9pm

Tuesday, March 28

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

Wednesday, March 29

- 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
- Lent Compline: 8:45pm

Thursday, March 30

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

Friday, March 31

- 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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ APOSTLES

Lessons for March 26

> **Nursery:** Friends Help a Lame Man {Mark 2:1-12}

> **Kid's Time:** Parable of the Sower {Matthew 13:3-23}

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

Mon, June 26 - Thurs, June 29 ~ 9am-12pm

ROME: Paul and the Underground Church!

Registration: www.apostles-raleigh.org/vbs2017

STUDENT MINISTRY @ APOSTLES

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

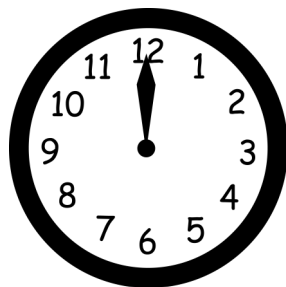
> **March 26 ~ NINE1NINE: SK80's Night: 5:30-7pm**

Meet us at *United Skates of America* in your best 80's gear!
No sign ups, \$6 at the door covers admission and skates.
Bring a friend!

Middle School Lock-In @ Defy Gravity has been cancelled.



WOMEN'S MENTORING ~ Applications for the 2017-2018 Women's Mentoring Ministry are available now! A new online version can be found on our website or hard copies available in the lobby. There is a drop-off box upstairs for completed paper forms. **APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, April 7.** For questions regarding the mentoring program, please contact Ruth Brooks {ruthbrooks@mac.com}.



The Lord's Prayer at Noon

During Lent, you are invited to join us in saying The Lord's Prayer each day at 12:00pm. Wherever we are, whatever we are doing, let's commit to take a moment and intentionally pray together.

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