

Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ
NOVEMBER 26, 2017
8:30AM

Your Great Name We Praise

1 Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most holy most glorious the Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious Your great Name we praise

2 Unresting unhasting and silent as light
Not wanting or wasting You rule us in might
Your Justice like mountains high soaring above
Your Clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

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

3 All life comes from You Lord to both great and small
In all life You live Lord the true life of all
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail
We wither and perish but You never fail

4 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

THE ACCLAMATION & OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.

Come Thou Fount

1 Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the Mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

3 O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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The Lion And The Lamb

1 He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord almighty

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before
the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before
the Lion and the Lamb*

2 So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
Our God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord almighty

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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

Colossians 1:15-20 (p. 954)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Luke 9:18-26 (p. 841)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: The Gospel According to Luke

To Live is to Die

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: Gracious Father, hear the prayers of your people as we humbly seek you:

Leader: For Church of the Apostles and our daughter church Christ Our Hope in Wilmington, our Archbishop Foley, our Bishop Steve and for all ministers charged with shepherding your people and guarding the truth;

People: Strengthen your Church in persecution, and empower all who minister to admonish and teach with all wisdom, presenting everyone fully mature in Christ.

Leader: We pray for those charged with leadership in our world, especially our president, our governor, and all those in positions of authority;

People: Guide them to wise decisions and right actions, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of your truth.

Leader: For Christians in the world who are persecuted and endangered because of their faith in Christ;

People: Give them courage in their witness, and multiply your Church.

Leader: Father, you are patient with all people, not wanting anyone to perish;

People: Reveal your goodness to those who do not know you, and in your kindness, lead them to repentance.

Leader: Now, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let us present our requests to God, either silently or aloud.

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto you, and have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in your name, you will be in the midst of us:

People: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your 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: 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 & OFFERING

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

1 Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

*Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.*

2 Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

*Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.*

3 Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
What Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heav'n, canst thou repine.

*Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heav'n's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.*

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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

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.

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.

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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Face To Face

1 Breath of heaven come and dwell in us
Our hearts renew
Fire of God illuminate
Enkindle flames of truth

*As we enter into this mystery
Overwhelmed by the power of your grace
Lead us on, great herald of our victory
To our home where we stand face to face*

2 Comforter come counsel us
And make us truly wise
Rouse our souls from sin's great sleep
That love may come alive

Holy Spirit come (Breath of heaven)
Holy Spirit come (Wind of God)
Holy Spirit come (Fire of heaven)
Holy Spirit 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.

OPPORTUNITIES

BENEDICTION

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.***

We Will Say In That Day (Isaiah 12)

You will see there a highway from God's own hand
That will lead back the lost to the Promised Land;
And the voice of the Savior will call us friends,
Saying, "Join in the song of the Lord!"

When the remnant return to the promised land;
When the highway of God brings us home to Him;
We'll be welcomed with love by our Savior friend;
And we'll join in the song of the Lord!

*We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give thanks!"
We will not be afraid, for He comes to save.
We will shout; we will call every tribe and race,
"Come and join in the song of the Lord!"*

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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

Community

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

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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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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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Stewardship Update

Unlike many churches and ministry organizations, Church of the Apostles has never operated its general budget based on pledges. The \$1,721,450 operating budget established for this year is based on prayer, guidance from historical experience, and the wisdom of our Finance Team and Leadership Council. Praise God for the wisdom He gives our leadership and for members who continue to give sacrificially and consistently.

What's Happening at Apostles

Poinsettia Dedication ~ We will be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias for the Advent Season. If you would like to give one in honor or in memory of someone, email 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 Christmas Eve bulletin. A \$15 minimum donation, which supports the flower ministry, is suggested.

Women's Retreat Bake Sale | Sunday, December 10! *Bring a goodie:* Email Lou White lwhite@alfredwilliams.com with the item you'd like to donate. All baked goods can be dropped off on the day of the sale. ***Buy a goodie:*** The bake sale will be open after both 8:30 and 11:00 services. Consider grabbing a treat for a friend, neighbor or Christmas gift! Proceeds will go toward scholarships for the Women's Retreat in February. apostles-raleigh.org/womensretreat

Lessons & Carols ~ Please join us for an evening of Lessons & Carols on December 10 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Following the program will be a Cocoa & Cookies Reception.

This Week

Sunday, November 26

- Worship Services: 8:30am & 11am
- Sunday School: 10am
- *NO* Deal

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

- Tuesday at Noon: *resumes January 9*
- Tuesday Prayer & Praise: 1:30-2:30pm

Wednesday, November 29

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am (offsite)
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15-8:15am
- Growing in Grace (W): 9:30-11am

Thursday, November 30

- Blackwater Group (M): 7-8am (offsite)
- Men's Fraternity (M): 6:45-8am
- Community HOPE: 4:30-6:30pm

Saturday, December 2

- Greening :9:30am-12:30pm

Coming Soon

DECEMBER

- 3 ~ Advent Wreath Making {10am}
- 10 ~ Lessons & Carols Presentation {6pm}
- 13 ~ Women's Christmas Coffee + Dessert {7pm}
- 17 ~ Christmas Pageant {10am}
- 24 ~ Christmas Eve Services {3pm, 5pm, 11pm}
- 25 ~ Morning Prayer Service {10am}

Student Ministry

NOVEMBER

11/26 ~ *NO DEAL* Happy Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER

12/03 ~ Student Ministry Christmas Party

SUMMER 2018 Trip dates are posted on our website!

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Children's Ministry

Lessons for November 26

- **Nursery:** Joash Repairs the Temple {2 Kings 12:4-15}
- **Kids Time:** Walking Through the Water {Ex 13:17-15:31}

Advent

HOPE | LOVE | JOY | PEACE

December 3rd

Advent Wreath Making {10am}

December 10th

Women's Retreat Bake Sale
Lessons & Carols Presentation {6pm}

December 13th

Women's Christmas Coffee & Dessert {7pm}

December 17th

Christmas Pageant {10am}

December 24th

Christmas Eve Services {3pm, 5pm, 11pm}

December 25th

Morning Prayer Service {10am}

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