

APRIL 7, 2019

We're glad you're here! This kind of worship service may be new for you. Everything that the congregation says is in **bold** in these pages. Feel free to join in, or just listen. If you have kids, they are welcome to stay through the entire service, or you can bring your infants to the nursery. We also offer children's worship for elementary ages. They'll be dismissed after the singing, and will return before Communion.

All Who Are Thirsty

*Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come*

As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep (we sing)

*Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come*

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ACCLAMATION & OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

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

4 How His kindness yet pursues me
Mortal tongue can never tell
Clothed in flesh, till death shall loose me
I cannot proclaim it well.
O that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothed then in blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace

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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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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

Revelation 3:14-22

(p. 993)

*One of the characteristics of our worship is the abundance of **Scripture**. We encounter God through his inspired, authoritative Word.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Mark 8:22-30

(p. 819)

*During the **Gospel** reading, we stand to honor Christ because the Gospels represent Christ's presence in the Church through his Word.*

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: The Throne, the Lamb & the Dragon

Wellspring of the Joy of Living

Rev. Jay Traylor

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.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: Father, we pray for your Church worldwide, that every member of your Holy Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: *Unify your Church in love, and glorify your name in every nation.*

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader: We pray for the work of our mission partner, The Encouraging Place, as they support and care for mothers facing hardship;

People: *Show these mothers their beauty as women made in your image, and assure them that you will help them in every trial they face.*

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader: We pray for your protection over this and every nation of the world;

People: *Frustrate the ways of the wicked, and lead all who know you to be people of peace.*

Leader: Father, hear us now as we present our requests to you in faith. I invite you to lift up your prayers silently or aloud; and if aloud, please pray clearly so that we can hear and agree with you in prayer.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: *That our works may find favor in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

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; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

*Many people kneel during the **Confession of Sin** as a sign of humility and repentance before God. Confession and repentance are the means God gives us for receiving the forgiveness made possible through Jesus Christ.*

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.

*During the **Absolution** the priest declares God's forgiveness as promised in the Bible for all who confess and turn away from their sins. (1 John 1:9)*

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you;
People: And also with you.

*The **Peace** reminds us that we must reconcile with one another before we receive Holy Communion (Matthew 5:23). "Peace be with you" or "God's peace" are some of the phrases used as we greet one another.*

WELCOME & OFFERING

Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

3 The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

4 Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

5 When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

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 **stole** worn by the priest symbolizes Jesus
taking up the towel for service.*

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

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
Now and forever, Amen.*

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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

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (said together)

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean 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.

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.

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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Unable to come forward? Please inform an usher to request that Communion be brought to you.
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Who You Say I Am

1 Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

*Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

2 Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

*Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

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Cornerstone

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

2 When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

3 When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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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.

King Of My Heart

1 Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

2 Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song

*You are good good, oh Lord
You are good good, oh Lord*

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*Our service begins with a **processional** where the cross and the clergy “process” into the sanctuary and ends with a **recessional**. Traditionally, the entire congregation processed in together. While that is no longer done, the symbolism remains. We remind ourselves and each other that we follow the cross of Christ into the presence of God to worship him. Then we are sent out into the world, following Christ, to love God and our neighbor.*

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! Connect Cards can be found under the seats in the sanctuary. Turn in completed cards in the lobby for a free gift as a thank you for joining us.

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:

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Community

Interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Consider joining a Community Group! Contact Jay 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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The Vine 20's + 30's Fellowship

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Serve

There are several ways 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.

apostles.raleigh.org/prayerministry

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
Hope Reins
House of Hope
International Friends NCSU
Jobs for Life
JusticeMatters
Loaves and Fishes Ministry
Neighbor To Neighbor
NeighborHealth Center
North Raleigh Ministries
YoungLife {Raleigh}
SafeFamilies of Raleigh
The Encouraging Place
Women's Prison Ministry

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What's Happening at 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.

Women's Mentoring Ministry ~ Would you like to share faith, love, hopes, challenges and LIFE with an Apostles sister believer? The Women's Mentoring program is an opportunity to connect women and to encourage them to walk through life together with a sister believer and share life's experiences while growing in their own faith. **2019/2020 Mentoring Interest Forms are due by Friday, April 12!** Find forms and further details here: apostles-raleigh.org/womensmentoring

This Week

Sunday, April 7

- Worship Services: 8:30am + 11am
- Sunday School: 10am
- First Communion Class: 4-5:15pm
- The Deal: 6-8pm

Monday, April 8

- Muffins 'n More: 10-11:30am
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm
- Women in the Word (W): 7-8:45pm
- Pub Theology: 7-9pm {LBC}

Tuesday, April 9

- Tuesday Prayer + Praise: 1:30-2:30pm
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm

Wednesday, April 10

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am {offsite}
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15-8:15am
- Growing in Grace (W): 9:30-11:30am
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm
- Leadership Council
- Abiding Prayer: 7-8pm
- Men's Trivia: 8pm {Chow}

Thursday, April 11

- Men's Fraternity (M): 6:30-8am
- Blackwater Group (M): 7-8am {offsite}
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm

(M) Men | (W) Women

Coming Soon at Apostles

APRIL

8 ~ Pub Theology | 7pm | Lynnwood Brewing Concern
14 - 21 ~ Holy Week {see back of bulletin for details}

MAY

3-4 ~ Marriage Retreat {apostles-raleigh.org/steadfast}
20 ~ Andrew Peterson Concert | 7pm

TICKETS: apostles-raleigh.org/andrewpeterson

Student Ministry

4/7 ~ The Deal | 6-8pm

4/14 ~ The Deal | 6-8pm

4/21 ~ *NO* Deal {Easter Sunday}

We are celebrating our senior class on **Tuesday, May 21**. All seniors, their families and their small group leaders are invited to join us as we pray over and celebrate the class of 2019!

Children's Ministry

Lessons for April 7, 2019

- **Nursery:** A Rich Man's Question {Matthew 19:16-26}
- **Kids Time:** Psalm 23
- **Big Time:** Apostles' Creed

Apostles ROAR! VBS 2019
June 23 - 27, 2019

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Holy Week

2019

at Church of the
Apostles

April 14 *Palm Sunday*

April 18 *Maundy Thursday Service*
6:00pm

April 19 *Good Friday Service*
Noon @ Apostles

April 20 **The Great Egg Hunt**
9am-12pm @ Eastgate Park

Easter Vigil 6-9pm

April 21 *Easter Sunday*
9am & 11am Services

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