

Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ
MAY 6, 2018

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

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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.**

Rising Sun

1 Praise Him all you sinners
Sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise Him all you children of God

2 We lift high His glory
Shown throughout our stories
We praise Him as the children of God

*Our great Redeemer glorious Savior
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning You shine forever
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Your Name is higher than the rising sun*

3 Praise His Name forever
Speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise Him all you children of God

Hallelujah our God You reign
Simply to speak Your Name is praise
Hallelujah now and always
Forever we lift Your Name in praise

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What A Beautiful Name

1 You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

*What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

2 You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

*What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

*What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

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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

Ezekiel 34:1-16 (p. 704)

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 21:15-25 (p. 881)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: Because It's Empty ...

The Threefold Renovation Project

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: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer." For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our Archbishop Foley, our Bishop Steve, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others especially for the mission of The Encouraging Place, as they support and care for mothers facing hardship. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

(Additional prayers, thanksgivings, and petitions may be added.)

Leader: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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. 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

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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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.

In My Father's Kingdom

This bread is My body broken for you
This cup is My blood of the covenant
Poured out for you

*I will not drink of the fruit of this vine
Until I drink it anew with you*

In My Father's Kingdom

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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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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

*He is Lord! He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord*

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.

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.

Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.

*Lord, direct us and protect us
Traveling through this wilderness
O direct us and protect us
Traveling through this wilderness*

2 Thanks we give and adoration
For your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.

*Ever faithful, ever faithful
to Your truth may we be found
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to Your truth may we be found*

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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.

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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 6

- Worship Services:
8:30am & 11:00am
- Sunday School: 10am
- The Deal: 6-8pm

Monday, May 7

- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm

Tuesday, May 8

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

Wednesday, May 9

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am
(offsite)
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15-8:15am
- Growing in Grace (W): 9:30-11am
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm

Thursday, May 10

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

Coming Soon

5/13 ~ Student Sunday

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

Student Ministry

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5/6 ~ The Deal | 6-8pm | Join us for our 80's themed year-end Deal!

5/13 ~ Student Sunday

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 6, 2018

- **Nursery:** Paul Obeys God {Acts 21:17-22:30}
- **Kids Time:** Ask God for Wisdom {1 Kings 3:5-15}

Vacation Bible School 2018

Shipwrecked ~ Rescued by Jesus

Sunday, June 24 - Thursday, June 28



Vacation Bible School 2018



Sunday, June 24 | 5-8pm
June 25 - 28

9am-12pm

Preschool—Rising 5th Graders

We will venture onto an uncharted island where kids are rescued by Jesus! They will be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through every storm in life. They'll learn to hold onto God's promises when they are lonely, they worry, they struggle, do

wrong, and feel powerless. Each day at Shipwrecked VBS, kids travel through field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures.

REGISTRATION:

apostles-raleigh.org/vbs2018

Adult and youth volunteers needed!

NOTE for NON-MEMBERS:

To inquire about registering a child ages 4 and under who do not regularly attend worship at the Church of the Apostles, please contact Stacey Wiley {919-782-0550 x 22} to request registration information.

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M-Th 9am-5pm | Fri 9am-12pm

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