

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ*
APRIL 22, 2018

Holy, Holy, Holy

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which, wert and art and evermore shall be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
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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.

Almighty God

1 Almighty God to You all hearts are open
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy
Come with Your light we cannot hide from You

2 Almighty God to You all hearts are open
With gratitude we raise our song to You
Come and fill the praises of Your people
In grace and truth You make us new again

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelu-jah!

3 Almighty God to You all hearts are open
We long for more than what this world provides
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us
Your river deep floods over everything

4 Almighty God to You all hearts are open
You take away our sickness and our sin
Oh Lamb of God we gather at Your table
In bread and wine You have supplied our needs

To You all hearts are open (Almighty God)
To You all hearts are open (Almighty God)
To You all hearts are open

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelu-jah!

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Our Great God

1 Eternal God unchanging
Mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love
Unfailing in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight
Around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night
In praise to You alone

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God
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2 Lord we are weak and frail
Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels
Hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy
His pleasure is our harm
Rise up O Lord and he will flee
Before our sov'reign God

3 Let ev'ry creature in the sea
And ev'ry flying bird
Let ev'ry mountain
Ev'ry field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars
In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by His Word

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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 Peter 1:3-9 (p. 980)

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 20:24-29 (p. 881)

Leader: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: Because It's Empty ...

The Thing About Doubt

Rev. Patrick Dominguez

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 Young Life as they proclaim the forgiveness and love that comes through Christ alone. 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

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face To Face

1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would we touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would we lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
The brief, bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

4 Too soon we rise, the symbols disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and done;
Gone are the bread and wine, but Thou art here,
Nearer than ever, still my Shield and Sun.

5 Feast after feast thus comes, and passes by;
Yet passing, points to the glad feast above;
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and 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.

A Cloud of Peace (Ode 35)

A cloud of peace has risen

Over my head

A cloud of peace has risen

Over my head

My salvation, my salvation

My salvation, my salvation

John Andrew Schreiner

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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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Give Thanks To God

1 He sent His son to die, and rise again to save us
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
He's broken our chains and given us freedom
Give thanks to God for He is good

2 In Him we are alive and have joy everlasting
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
He casts out all fear and fills us with courage
Give thanks to God for He is good

3 When storms come and rage His peace overwhelms us
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
The Lord is our refuge when trouble surrounds us
Give thanks to God for He is good

4 He's always pouring out His abundant provision
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
For the depths of His riches and incredible wisdom
Give thanks to God for He is good
Give thanks to God for He is good

Give thanks to God for He is good
Give thanks to God for He is good

We thank You God for You are good
We thank You God for You are good

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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.

You Alone Can Rescue

You alone can rescue

You alone can save

You alone can lift us from the grave

You came down to find us

Led us out of death

To You alone belongs the highest praise

You oh Lord have made a way

The great divide You healed

For when our hearts were far away

Your love went further still

Yes, Your love goes further still

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

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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 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.

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

Jonathan and Amanda + Friends | April 27 | 7:00pm Jonathan and Amanda Noël are celebrating 20 years of music on April 27 here at Apostles. This will be an extraordinary and once in a lifetime night of music you don't want to miss! Purchase tickets: apostles-raleigh.org/noelandfriends

Pardon Our Mess! ~ The upstairs restrooms are closed for remodel. Additional restrooms are located on the first floor hallway towards the Fellowship Hall and at the back of the lobby. Thank you for your patience as we make these improvements!

This Week

Sunday, April 22

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

Monday, April 23

- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm
- Women in the Word: 7-8:45pm

Tuesday, April 24

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

Wednesday, April 25

- 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
- {HS} Senior Night: 7-9pm

Thursday, April 26

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

Coming Soon

4/27 ~ Jonathan and Amanda Noël + Friends | 7pm

4/29 ~ Confirmation Sunday ***ONE 10AM SERVICE***
Church-Wide Confirmation Potluck Lunch
No Sunday School

5/13 ~ Student Sunday

5/20 ~ Pentecost Sunday

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

Student Ministry

APRIL

4/22 ~ The Deal | 6-8pm

4/25 ~ Senior Night | 7-9pm

4/29 ~ Confirmation Sunday {10am Service} | *NO* Deal

5/6 ~ Last Deal of the year!

5/13 ~ Student Sunday

Children's Ministry

Lessons for April 22, 2018

- **Nursery:** Paul Tells About Jesus {Acts 16:9-15}
- **Kids Time:** When Life Gets Tough {1 Samuel 30:1-20}

Vacation Bible School 2018

Shipwrecked ~ Rescued by Jesus

Sunday, June 24 - Thursday, June 28



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY & *Church Cook Out*

April 29, 2018

***ONE SERVICE* at 10:00am
{no Sunday School}**

Followed by Church-Wide Cook Out!

Hamburgers + hot dogs provided. Please bring a dessert or side to share.

**RSVP + SIDE SIGN UP:
apostles-raleigh.org/cookout**

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