

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found ·
Transform the City through Jesus Christ*

**APRIL 1, 2018
EASTER SUNDAY**

PRESENTED SONG

He Is Risen

1 On the first day of the week,
Very early in the morning,
The women took the spices they had prepared
And went to the tomb.

2 They found the stone rolled away
(Rolled away) from the tomb,
3 But when they entered, they did not find
The body of the Lord Jesus.

4 While they were wondering about this,
Suddenly two men in clothes that
gleamed like lightning stood beside them.
5 In their fright the women bowed down
With their faces to the ground,
But the men said to them, (The men said to them)

*"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
6 He is not here; He has risen!"*

Remember how he told you,
While he was still with you in Galilee:

7 'The Son of Man must be delivered
Into to the hands of sinners,
Be crucified and on the third day
Be raised again."

8 Then they remembered his words.
(Remember his words)

*"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; He has risen!"*

Sing alleluia! (Alleluia!)
Sing alleluia! (Alleluia!)
Sing alleluia! (Alleluia!)
He is risen!

Words: Luke 24:1-8 | Music: Jonathan Noël
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Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where O death is now thy sting, Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory O grave, Alleluia!

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EASTER SHOUT

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

During the songs, children are invited to come forward and flower the cross, a tradition dating back to the 6th century.

Worship Christ The Risen King

1 Rise O Church and lift your voices
Christ has conquered death and hell
Sing as all the earth rejoices
Resurrection anthems swell
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the Risen King

2 Hear the earth protest and tremble
See the stone removed with pow'r
All hell's minions may assemble
But cannot withstand His hour
He has conquered He has conquered
Christ the Lord the Risen King

3 We acclaim Your life O Jesus
Now we sing Your victory
Sin or hell may seek to seize us
But Your conquest keeps us free
Stand in triumph stand in triumph
Worship Christ the Risen King

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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 & EASTER SHOUT

Leader: *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.

GOSPEL READING

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

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

John 20:1-18

(p. 880)

Leader: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

MESSAGE
Easter Sunday
The Ring of Truth
Rev. Patrick Dominguez

No Longer Slaves

*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*

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

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A CELEBRATION OF THE COVENANT OF BAPTISM

*A baptismal covenant will be made today on behalf of
Stella Jane Pearl Hillegass, daughter of Matt and Sara Hillegass (9:00am)
Carolina Leigh Reynolds, daughter of Matt and Lauren Reynolds (9:00am)
Mae Grace Reynolds, daughter of Matt and Lauren Reynolds (9:00am)
William Benjamin Brown, son of Derick and Jessica Brown (11:00am)
Dylan King Owenby, son of Ryan and Bethany Owenby (11:00am)*

COVENANT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of the Candidates by Parents

Parents: We present NN to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Leader: Will you accept the spiritual responsibility to bring up these children in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We will, with God's help.

Leader: Do you renounce Satan and his demonic forces that rebel against God and war against your soul?

Parents: I renounce them.

Leader: Have you accepted Christ Jesus as your Savior and Lord?

Parents: I have.

Leader: Do you renounce anew all sinful desires and commit yourself to obey him with your whole heart?

Parents: I do.

After the baptismal candidate has been presented, the Celebrant says to the People:

Leader: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Leader: Let us renew our own baptismal covenant. Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

* The phrase "holy catholic Church" refers to the Church worldwide.

Leader: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Let us now pray for these candidates who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death and open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit and send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns with you now and forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

THE BAPTISM

Leader: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his Covenant of Faith.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND OFFERING

Is He Worthy?

1 Do you feel the world is broken? **(We do)**
Do you feel the shadows deepen? **(We do)**
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through? **(We do)**
Do you wish that you could see it all made new?
(We do)

2 Is all creation groaning? **(It is)**
Is a new creation coming? **(It is)**
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst? **(It is)**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **(It is)**

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this?
He is*

3 Does the Father truly love us? **(He does)**
Does the Spirit move among us? **(He does)**
And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves? **(He does)**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
(He does)

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe
every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?
He is*

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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?
Leader: Is Christ among us?
Leader: Is the Spirit here?
Leader: This is our God.
Leader: We are his people.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: He is.
People: He is.
People: He is.
People: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: We are redeemed.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
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 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

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.

A prayer team is available to pray with you at the back of the sanctuary during Communion.

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

Before The Throne Of God Above

1 Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

2 When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

3 Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

4 I bow before the cross of Christ
And marvel at this love divine
God's perfect Son the Sacrifice
That made me righteous in God's eyes
This river's depths I cannot know
But I can glory in its flood
The Lord most high has bowed down low
And poured on me His glorious love
And poured on me His glorious love

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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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This Is Amazing Grace

1 Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

2 Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace this is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You would lay down Your life
That I would be set free
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

3 Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory

4 Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
And worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy

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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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross the grave the skies, Alleluia!

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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!

W E L C O M E!

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:

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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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Student Ministry Small Groups happen Sundays at 5:30pm during the school year.
(6th - 12th grades)
Contact Chris 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!

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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 in the back of the sanctuary, toward the right as you enter.

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
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

Today's Easter offering will go towards one of our local Mission Partners, Justice Matters. Justice Matters provides empowering legal services to our vulnerable and marginalized neighbors, specializing in trauma-informed immigration and family law services that protect children and help survivors of human trafficking and other traumas rebuild their lives. Please consider how you can partner with the JusticeMatters team with your gift.

Considering membership at Church of the Apostles? Just want to learn more about who we are? Join us for the next Discovering Apostles Class on **Saturday, April 21** from 9am-12pm to learn about the mission and ministry of Apostles. Contact Marsha for details and to sign up: marsha@apostles-raleigh.org | **919-782-0550** *Childcare is available upon request.*

This Week

Sunday, April 1

EASTER SUNDAY

- Worship Services: 9:00am & 11:00am
- *NO* Sunday School
- *NO* Deal

Monday, April 2

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- Women in the Word: 7-8:45pm

Tuesday, April 3

- Tuesday at Noon (W): 12-1:15pm
- Tuesday Praise & Prayer: 1:30-2:30pm

Wednesday, April 4

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

Thursday, April 5

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

Friday, April 6

- Community HOPE Movie + Pizza: 12-3pm

Save The Date

4/27 ~ Jonathan + Amanda Noël and Friends | 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

Student Ministry

APRIL

1 ~ *NO* Deal {Easter Sunday}

8 ~ The Deal | 6-8pm

15 ~ The Deal | 6-8pm

20 ~ Middle School Event | Rock Climbing | 7-11pm ~ Sign up with Paul or Emily!

Children's Ministry

Lessons for April 1, 2018

- **Nursery:** The Empty Tomb {Matthew 28:1-10}
- **Kids Time:** Jesus is Alive {Luke 24:1-12}

Easter Lily Dedications

In memory of our dads, E. Dwight Jordan and F. Zane Blevins, given by Tim and Lucy Jordan.

In honor of Elizabeth Nichols given by the *Women of the Word* Monday Night Bible Study.

In memory of Frank "Papa" Schafstedde given by Jack, Sara, Henry and Schaf Morisey.

In memory of Caroline Comly given by Sara Morisey.

In memory of my mom, Pat Witter, given by Laura Witter.

In memory of our parents, Graham & Evelyn Breck and Frank & Virginia Bolash, given by Larry and Louise Bolash.

In memory of Lynda McConnell given by the *Psalm 92:14* Community Group.

In memory of Ray Seigler given by the Morisey family.

In memory of my dad, John E. Bach, Sr., given by Meg Bach.

In memory of my sister, Natalie Michelle Stem Cook, given by Angela Stem Mills.

In memory of our parents, Beulah & Bob Barclay and Mary & Ellis Leckrone, given by Dan and Sue Barclay.

In honor of my marriage given by Natalie Taylor.

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