

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ*
AUGUST 26, 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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ACLAMATION & OPENING PRAYER

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

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

Leader: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.

**People: Lead us to live as citizens of your Kingdom, being salt and light in the world, to the
glory of your holy name. 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 God the Father, light-creator,
To thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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Hosanna

1 Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You
We long for You
'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away
Washed away

*Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

2 Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new
You make us new
'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away
Washed away

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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

Proverbs 2:1-11 (p. 511)

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

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

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

Matthew 7:24-29 (p. 788)

Leader: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

MESSAGE

The Upside Down: Sermon on the Mount

The Wisdom / Foolishness Paradigm

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: Almighty and ever-living God, inspire your Church throughout the world with the spirit of truth, unity and Gospel mission;

People: Grant that we may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Leader: We pray that you will lead the nations of the world into the way of righteousness.

People: Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness, and work according to your purposes.

Leader: Prosper all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom among the nations, particularly for the ministry of Justice Matters;

People: And help us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

Leader: We ask you in your goodness, Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We now invite you to add your own petitions, either silently or aloud. Please speak loudly enough for all to hear.

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, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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

CONFESSON OF SIN (said together)

Compassionate God, merciful Father, we are poor in spirit and come to you in meekness. 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

Steadfast

1 I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
In your love, O Lord
And your faithfulness will prove

*You are steadfast, steadfast
You are steadfast, steadfast*

2. By the word you spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In your watchful care
I will rest secure
As you lead us with your light

3. I will not trust in the strength of kings
On your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb!

In the moment of emptiness
All was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness
Your light was revealed
In the presence of death
Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness
You are still God.

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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.

I Am The Bread Of Life

1 I am the Bread of life

You who come to Me shall not hunger
You who believe in Me shall not thirst
No one can come to Me
Unless the Father draw them

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up

And I will raise you up on the last day

2 I am the Resurrection, I am the Life

You who believe in me
Even if you die, you shall live forever.

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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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Came To My Rescue

1 Falling on my knees in worship
Giving all I am to seek Your face
Lord all I am is Yours

2 My whole life I place in Your hands
God of mercy humbled I bow down
In Your presence at Your throne

*I called You answered
And You came to my rescue
And I wanna be where You are*

In my life be lifted high
In our world be lifted high
In our love be lifted high

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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

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast. And may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you, always.

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

*What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
*That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.*

Words: From A Selection of Hymns, John Rippon, 1787;
Music: Early American mel-o-dy; Caldwell's Union Harmony, 1837

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth as salt and light, for the glory of God and for the life of the world.
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.



APOSTLES LINK

Our online communication tool connects you to ministries and members of the Apostles community. For more info contact Marsha Whyte:

marsha@apostles-raleigh.org



F O L L O W U S:



Community

Interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Consider joining a Community Group! Contact Jay for more information.

Jay Traylor
jay@apostles-raleigh.org



The Deal + Small Groups

(6th - 12th grades)

happen Sundays from 6-8pm during the school year. Contact Emily for more information.

Emily Gebbie
emily@apostles-raleigh.org



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
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

apostles.raleigh.org/local

What's Happening at Apostles

Discovering Apostles ~ Considering membership at Church of the Apostles? Want to learn more about who we are? Join us for the next Discovering Apostles Class on Saturday, September 8 from 9am-12pm. Contact Marsha to sign up: marsha@apostles-raleigh.org Child care is available upon request.

Women's Ministry Kickoff ~ Please join us September 14-15 for our Women's Ministry Kickoff here at Apostles! This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and growth. Cost is \$15.00.

Details + Registration: apostles-raleigh.org/womenskickoff

Parenting with a Purpose | September 22 ~ Come for a full day of teaching and skill building designed for parents and rooted in God's word, presented by House of Hope. We believe that God has a heart for families and that he is able to equip parents for the task of leading and guiding their children into successful Christian lives. **Details + Registration:** apostles-raleigh.org/parenting

This Week

Sunday, August 26

- Worship Services: 8:30am + 11am
- Ministry Team Trainings: 10am
- Youth Back to School BBQ: 6-7:30pm

Tuesday, August 28

- Tuesday Prayer & Praise

Wednesday, August 29

- Band of Brothers (M): 7am

Thursday, August 30

- Berger Small Group (M): 7-8:30am
- Blackwater Group (M): 7-8am (offsite)

Coming Soon

SEPTEMBER

- 8 ~ Discovering Apostles Membership Class
- 9 ~ Vision Sunday
- 14-15 ~ Women's Ministry Kickoff
- 16 ~ Fall Sunday School begins
- 22 ~ Parenting with a Purpose
- 29 ~ The Vine Oyster Roast

Student Ministry

Sunday, August 26 ~ Back to School BBQ | 6-7:30pm

Let's celebrate the last night of summer! Rising 6th-12th students and their families are invited. Burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring chips and dessert:

Last names A-L: chips | **Last names M-Z:** dessert

Our Fall Kick Off is September 9th! Join us for a Pig Pickin' Sunday, September 9th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. David Parker will be cooking the pig, but we are asking you to help us bring sides and desserts. Join us to kick off the start of a new school year!

Children's Ministry

Lessons for August 26, 2018

- **Nursery:** Joseph and His Brothers {Genesis 37}
- **Kids Time:** Moses Receives the Ten Commandments {Exodus 19-20}

Vision Sunday
September 9
10am
{between services}

Men & Ministry

There are several Men's Bible Studies and Fellowships at Apostles! Check them out below to see which one might work for you!

Band of Brothers | Wednesdays 7-8am

We spend time studying and discussing a book of the Bible, sharing our lives, laughter, and lessons from our faith journeys with God.

Where: Panera Bread, Crabtree Mall | **Contact:** Curt Blazier | curtblazier@gmail.com

Sleepy Heads | Wednesdays 7:15-8:15am

Sleepyheads crank up on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:15am in Room 208. Sleepyheads is an interactive Bible Study with shared life experiences, breakfast and humor. Come ready for a "squeeze" in your faith.

Where: Room 208 | **Contact:** Ed Bailey | 919-832-7305 | bailey@redeagle-co.com

Blackwater Group | Thursdays 7-8am

We don't take ourselves too seriously, but we do walk through books of the Bible together.

Where: Sola Coffee Shop | **Contact:** Eric Bolash | eric@apostles-raleigh.org

Men's Fraternity | Thursdays 6:30-7:59am

Men's Fraternity resumes on September 6th, studying the New City Catechism from Redeemer Pres. in NY. The intent is to provide a forum for mentoring. Any men young or old interested in mentoring or being mentored, or just interested in great fellowship are welcome.

Where: Upstairs Classrooms | **Contact:** Mike Kromhout | mkromhoutnc@gmail.com

Friday Morning Fellowship | Fridays 6:30am

The FMF Band-of-Brothers faithfully continue the Danny Lotz Legacy - to stay in the Word, to fellowship in love and pray for one another. **Where:** Fellowship Hall | **Contact:** Bo Batchelder {919-414-6033}

Men's Breakfast Club: Want to get to know other men at Apostles? Sign up for the Breakfast Club! Once a month you will be paired with another man to have breakfast together. To join, send your name and email to Kent Swecker {kent@anewmachine.com}.

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