

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found ·
Transform the City through Jesus Christ*
APRIL 29, 2018
SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear
Now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

2 Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea so gently sustaineth
Hast Thou not seen
How all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

3 Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper thy work and
Defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy there daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

4 Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

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EASTER SHOUT & OPENING PRAYER

Bishop: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Bishop: 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.

Holy God

1 Creating, commanding, transcendent Adonai
Defending love, destroying sin, the Warrior Divine

*Holy, holy, holy God
Holy, holy, holy God*

2 Forgiving, redeeming, from every tribe and tongue
Arising first, the nail scarred Lamb, Salvation's Champion

3 Romancing, pursuing, reclaiming to restore
Releasing hearts, transforming lives, the Lion's mighty roar

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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

Isaiah 55 (p. 602)

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 21:1-14 (p. 881)

Leader: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

HOMILY

The Rt. Rev. Steven Breedlove

THE PRESENTATION, EXHORTATION & EXAMINATION

Presenter: Right Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of hands.

Bishop: Have they been adequately prepared?

Presenter: They have.

Bishop: Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed in this Church must publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciple; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in baptism where we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. Through the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, these candidates here desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

Bishop: Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against

Candidates: God?

I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Candidates: I will, the Lord being my helper.

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

People: We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and 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.

Bishop: 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.

Bishop: 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.

Bishop: 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.

Bishop: 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.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

PRAYER & THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Bishop: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we ask you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them the gift of your grace and the fruit of your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Each confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop, then laying his hands upon each one prays:

Bishop: Strengthen, O Lord, your servant [n.] with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for your service; and sustain him/her all the days of his/her life.

People: Amen.

Bishop: Almighty and ever-living God, let your fatherly hand be upon these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that they may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

People: And with your spirit.

WELCOME & OFFERING

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

1 Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore*

2 Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

*But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore*

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

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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: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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 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

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.

Circle Us, O God

1 Circle us, O God, as we take and eat
Circle us, O God, as we drink this cup
Circle us, O God, at this Holy banquet
Circle us, circle us, O God

2 Circle us, O God, let Your arms enfold us
Circle us, O God, let your love surround
Circle us, O God, let your light shine brightly
Circle us, circle us, O God

Words: based on "Lorica," a traditional Celtic prayer

Music: Author unknown

No Longer Slaves

1 You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

*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*

2 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

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

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We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

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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 Are My Vision

1 You are my vision O King of my heart

Nothing else satisfies only You Lord

You are my best thought by day or by night

Waking or sleeping Your presence my light

2 You are my wisdom You are my true word

I ever with You and You with me Lord

You're my great Father and I'm Your true son

You dwell inside me together we're one

3 High king of Heaven when victory's won

May I reach Heaven's joy O bright Heaven's Son

Heart of my own heart whatever befall

Still be my vision O ruler of all

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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.



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



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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
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
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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

Ladies Meet and Treat ~ Have you ever wished you could meet more women at Apostles, but do not have the time to make a big commitment? Well, now is your chance! Make a new connection each month and get to know some of the amazing women at this church. Here is how it works: you are given the name of someone new to meet with each month. The two of you connect and come up with a time to meet. It could be a meal, coffee, a play date – whatever works for the two of you!

Contact: Janet Whited janetwhited@outlook.com

This Week

Sunday, April 29

- Worship Service: 10am
- Church-Wide Cook Out: 12:30pm
- *NO* Sunday School
- *NO* Deal

Monday, April 30

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

Tuesday, May 1

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

Wednesday, May 2

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am (offsite)
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15-8:15am
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm
- Abiding Prayer: 7-8pm

Thursday, May 3

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



Coming Soon

- 5/13 ~ Student Sunday
- 5/20 ~ Pentecost Sunday
- 5/24 ~ Men's Ministry Spring Dinner | 6pm

Student Ministry

APRIL

4/29 ~ *NO* Deal tonight

MAY

- 5/6 ~ Last Deal of the year!
- 5/13 ~ Student Sunday
- 5/18 ~ Durham Bulls Game | 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 with a fireworks show afterwards. **Tickets: \$11.25** See Emily or Paul for info on how to purchase tickets.

Children's Ministry

Lessons for April 29, 2018

- **Nursery:** Singing in Jail {Acts 16:16-34}
- **Kids Time:** Give God Credit {1 Samuel 31}

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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