

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

We're glad you're here! This kind of worship service may be new for you. Everything that the congregation says is in **bold** in these pages. Feel free to join in, or just listen. If you have kids, they are welcome to stay through the entire service, or you can bring your infants to the nursery. We also offer children's worship for elementary ages. They'll be sent out after the singing, and will return before Communion.

Love Divine

1 Love divine all loves excelling
Joy of heaven to earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling
All Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus Thou art all compassion
Pure unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart

2 Breathe O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast
Let us all in Thee inherit
Let us find Thy promised rest
Take away the love of sinning
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith as its beginning
Set our hearts at liberty

3 Come Almighty to deliver
Let us all Thy grace receive
Suddenly return and never
Never more Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy perfect love

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ACCLAMATION & OPENING PRAYER

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Only A Holy God

1 Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

2 What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

3 What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

4 Who else could rescue us from our failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites us to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only our Holy God

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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

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SENDING OF THE CHILDREN

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 and children 3rd-5th grade are invited to go to Big Time. Kids Time is a dynamic worship service and Big Time is an age appropriate discussion time. Both cater to younger children and prepare them to participate in the main worship service. The children will return prior to Communion.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:14-5:10 (p. 970)

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*One of the characteristics of our worship is the abundance of **Scripture**. We encounter God through his inspired, authoritative Word.*

GOSPEL READING

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

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

Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 785)

Leader: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

*During the **Gospel** reading, we stand to honor Christ because the Gospels represent Christ's presence in the Church through his Word.*

MESSAGE

Hebrews: A Call To Commitment

Christ's Priesthood and Ours

Rev. Art Going

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 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" means the Church worldwide.}

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Leader: 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 Foley, our Archbishop, and Steve, our Bishop, 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. 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 [especially _____]. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

[You are invited to add petitions and thanksgivings.]

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

CONFESSON OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God, 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.

*Many people kneel during the **Confession of Sin** as a sign of humility and repentance before God. Confession and repentance are the means God gives us for receiving the forgiveness made possible through Jesus Christ.*

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*During the **Absolution** the priest declares God's forgiveness as promised in the Bible for all who confess and turn away from their sins. (1 John 1:9)*

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

People: And also with you.

*The **Peace** reminds us that we must reconcile with one another before we receive Holy Communion (Matthew 5:23). "Peace be with you" or "God's peace" are some of the phrases used as we greet one another.*

WELCOME & OFFERING

Come Away From Rush And Hurry

1 Come away from rush and hurry
To the stillness of God's peace;
From our vain ambition's worry,
Come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor,
Life's demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered
Here to seek and find God's face.

2 In the pastures of God's goodness
We lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of his mercy
We drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of his presence
All His saints are richly fed.
With the oil of His anointing
Into service we are led.

3 Come, then, children, with your burdens –
Life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
Take instead His kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for He will quench them –
He alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment
When to self we gladly die.

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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 is here.*
Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*
Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **His Spirit is with us.**
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
People: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Leader continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Leader: *Great is the mystery of faith:*

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: *Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:*

People: **Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

*The **stole** worn by the priest symbolizes Jesus taking up the towel for service.*

*Unable to come forward? Please inform an usher to request that Communion be brought to you.
Gluten-free and dairy -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.

Just As I Am

1 Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy Blood was shed for me
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee
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

3 Just as I am though tossed about
With many a conflict many a doubt
Fightings and fears within without
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

5 Just as I am Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome pardon cleanse relieve
Because Thy Promise I believe
O Lamb of God I come I come

6 Just as I am Thy Love unknown
Hath broken ev'ry barrier down
Now to be Thine yes Thine alone
O Lamb of God I come I come

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O The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus

1 O the deep deep love of Jesus
Vast unmeasured boundless free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me

2 Underneath me all around me
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward leading homeward
To Thy glorious rest above

*O the deep deep love of Jesus
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to Thee*

3 O the deep deep love of Jesus
Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He loveth ever loveth
Changeth never nevermore

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Music: Bunessan, Traditional

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 peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Now Let Us From This Table Rise

1 Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and rise again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

2 With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the Word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

3 To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humble pledge ourselves to share.

4 Then grant us grace, Companion-God,
to choose again the pilgrim way
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

Words: Fred Kaan (1929-2009)
Music: Old 100th, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551

DISMISSAL

Leader: *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

WELCOME!

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. We want to get to know you! Connect Cards can be found under the seats in the sanctuary. Turn in completed cards in the lobby for a free gift as a thank you for joining us.

Connect



We want to keep you connected to the life of Apostles! To be added to *The Pulse* contacts, fill out a connect 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:

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Community

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

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The Deal + Small Groups

6th - 12th Grades

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

Paul Morales
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The Vine

Young-ish Adult Fellowship
Contact Jessie Nordstrom for more information.

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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

Gateway Women's Care

Gideon International

Hope Reins

House of Hope

International Friends NCSU

Jobs for Life

JusticeMatters

Neighbor To Neighbor

NeighborHealth Center

YoungLife {Raleigh}

Refugee Hope Partners

SafeFamilies of Raleigh

The Encouraging Place

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What's Happening at Apostles

Prayer + Praise | February 5 | Dinner 6pm | Worship 7pm ~ Come. Pause. Catch up with folks. Lift your gaze to the One who holds it all together and who holds us in his mighty hands. Shoulder to shoulder, we'll praise, pray and share a meal. // MENU: Salsa Fresh Grill // Dinner RSVP: apostles-raleigh.org/prayerandpraise

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper | February 25 ~ Drop in between 5-7pm for our annual pancake supper ... pancakes, fresh fruit and tasty sausage fresh from the grill! *What is Shrove Tuesday?* Shrove Tuesday occurs the first Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It comes from the old English custom of using up all the fattening ingredients in the house, so that people were ready to fast during Lent.

RSVP HERE: apostles-raleigh.org/shrovetuesday

Ash Wednesday Service | February 26 | 6:00pm ~ Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Unlike the blinding, deafening excess to which we are accustomed, the Ash Wednesday service leads us into a quiet, dimly-lit sanctuary. We remember that no one is righteous, not even one of us. And as a cross of dark ashes paints our foreheads, the room resounds with some of the most important words we will hear all year: *Remember that you are dust. And to dust you shall return.* This service is for all ages.

Today

Sunday, February 2

During Worship | 8:30am + 11:00am

Nursery: Woman at the Well {John 4:3-42}

Kids Time: David the Shepherd King {Psalm 51}

Big Time: A Call To Commitment {Hebrews 4:14-5:10}

Sunday School | 10am

Translating the Gospel {Sanctuary}

Essentials Membership Class {201}

Screens and Teens {203}

Loving Our Neighbors {204}

Super Bowl Parties! Student Ministry + The Vine {Young Adults} will be watching the games tonight! Details in the most recent Pulse.

College Student Lunch

Interested in after-church fellowship? We'll meet weekly for lunch, alternating between families' homes and North Hills. Contact Kristi Sturgill if you're interested in coming or hosting. kristi.sturgill@duke.edu

This Week

Monday, February 3

- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm
- Women in the Word (W): 7-8:30pm

Tuesday, February 4

- Tuesday at Noon: 12-1:15pm
- Tuesday Prayer: 1:30-2:30pm
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm

Wednesday, February 5

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am {offsite}
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15-8:30am
- Growing In Grace (W): 9:30-11:30am
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm
- Prayer + Praise: 6pm meal | 7pm worship
- Mission Team Meeting: 7pm

Thursday, February 6

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

February 7-9

- High School Ski Trip



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