

## 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.*

## CONFESSION 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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## **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.

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## 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.

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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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