

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ*
MAY 20, 2018
PENTECOST SUNDAY

Ten days after the ascension of Christ and fifty days after his resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost was an established Jewish festival also known as the Feast of Weeks, which drew people from many nations back to Jerusalem. Pentecost symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the birth and empowering of the Church.

EASTER SHOUT & OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Father, Lord of Heaven, who sent forth your Spirit to brood on the face of the waters, who poured out your Spirit upon the Apostles in the Upper Room, flashing forth in flames of fire that the Church might come alive in spirit and truth. Pour out upon this congregation, gathered in the name of Christ, that same Spirit, that we might come alive in holiness, that we might become brilliant in purity, that we might catch the fire of righteousness. To you be all glory, Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One God, from the very beginning, even now, and as long as time shall last.

People: Amen.

Come, O Creator Spirit Blest

1 Come, O Creator Spirit blest
And in our hearts take up Your rest
Come, with Your grace and heavenly aid
To fill the hearts which You have made

2 Great Comforter, to You we cry
O highest gift of God most high
O Fount of life, O Fire of love
And sweet anointing from above

3 Show us the Father, Holy One
Help us to know th'eternal Son
Spirit divine forevermore
You will we trust and You adore

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He Blesses His People With Peace (Ode 9)

*1 Open our ears to hear You speak
The LORD gives strength to His people
Your word and Your good pleasures
He blesses His people with peace*

*In Your will is our salvation
The LORD gives strength to His people
And Your thoughts are everlasting
He blesses His people with peace*

*Be strong (echo)
And be redeemed (echo)
By His grace (echo)
By His grace (echo)
Be strong (echo)
And receive (echo)
The gift of peace (echo)
The gift of peace (echo)*

*2 For you proclaim peace to your saints
The LORD gives strength to His people
Those who receive, do not be ashamed
He blesses His people with peace
An everlasting crown is Truth
The LORD gives strength to His people
Blessed are they who wear it
He blesses His people with peace*

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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 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.

GOSPEL READING

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

John 14:15-21 (p. 875)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Isn't She Lovely?

Rev. Patrick Dominguez

Holy Spirit

1 Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole

*Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me*

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A CELEBRATION OF THE COVENANT OF BAPTISM

*A baptismal covenant will be made today on behalf of
Edith Caroline Gish, daughter of Nathaniel and Jerusha Gish (8:30am)*

Frances Avery Linderman, daughter of Grant and Averi Linderman (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 this child 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 this child 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 this candidate who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death and open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring her 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

Come Down O Love Divine

1 Come down O Love divine
Seek Thou this soul of mine
And visit it with
Thine own ardour glowing
O Comforter draw near
Within my heart appear and kindle it
Thy holy flame bestowing

2 O let it freely burn
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes
In its heat consuming
And let Thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight
And clothe me round
The while my path illumining

3 Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be
And lowliness become mine inner clothing
True lowliness of heart
Which takes the humbler part
And o'er its own shortcomings
Weeps with loathing

4 And so the yearning strong
With which the soul will long
Shall far outpass the power
Of human telling
For none can guess its grace
Till Love create a place
Wherein the Holy Spirit
Makes His dwelling

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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.

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.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

*Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me*

2 Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

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Trinity Song

Leader: Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, Three-in-one
People: Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, Three-in-one

Leader: Come with your peace,
with your invitation
Bind us together in holy love
**People: Come with your peace,
with your invitation**
Bind us together in holy love

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Behold

1 The empty filled, the wounded healed
The broken back together
The poor are blessed, the weary rest
We will dance forever

2 The blinded see, the chained are free
The doubtful now believer
The outcast known, the orphan home
You are my redeemer

*Behold! Behold! Behold what love can do
Behold! Behold! He's making all things new*

3 The lost returned, the voiceless heard
The mourner now rejoicing
The mountains shake the world awake
Creation all composing
The sad untrue, the earth renewed
The song has found its singer
The darkness light, the dead alive
You are my redeemer

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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.

Revive Us Again

Hallelujah! Thine the glory

Hallelujah! Amen

Hallelujah! Thine the glory

Revive us again

1 We praise Thee, O God! For Thy Spirit of light,
Who hath shown us our Savior and scattered our night

2 Revive us again; Fill each heart with Thy love
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above

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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:

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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

Summer Women's Bible Study begins Tuesday, June 4 from 7-8:30 pm in Room 201. Join us for a 6 week study of the letters to the Corinthians. Bring a Bible and a journal as we dive into how we can better love and support the women in our lives. Tuesdays~ June 4-July 17(excludes July 3rd). **Contact:** Linda Lupien {lindalupien@nc.rr.com | 919-368-2784}

This Week

Sunday, May 20

- Worship Services: 8:30am & 11:00am
- Sunday School:10am
- Guatemala Team Training: 1-3pm

Tuesday, May 22

- Tuesday Praise & Prayer: 1-2pm

Wednesday, May 23

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am (offsite)
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15-8:15am

Thursday, May 24

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

**SUMMER WORSHIP
SCHEDULE BEGINS
MAY 27**

**One Service
10:00am**

Coming Soon

5/24 ~ Men's Ministry Spring Dinner | 6:30pm

Men of Apostles ... bring your sons, your neighbors, your friends but most of all yourself to our annual spring dinner! **RSVP:** frankadrassy@gmail.com

Student Ministry

Summer Bible Studies ~ We will be offering Bible Studies for both our Middle School and High School Students this summer. Middle School Bible Study will be for students rising 6th-rising 8th and high school bible study is for students rising 9th-graduated seniors. This summer, both of our Bible Studies will be focusing on service and how the Lord calls us to serve.

Impact Summer ~ We are inviting ALL students this summer (rising 6th-graduated seniors) to join us in Impact Summer. We will offering a couple different times this summer where we are inviting students and their parents to join us for a service day which includes a service project in the morning and fun activity in the afternoon.

Children's Ministry

Lessons for May 20, 2018

- **Nursery:** Safe in a Shipwreck {Acts 27}
- **Kids Time:** Don't Turn From God {1 Kings 11-12}
- **Big Time:** John 14:15-21

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.

R E G I S T R A T I O N:
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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