

JANUARY 19, 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.

Crown Him With Many Crowns

1 Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
*Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity*

2 Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
*His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die*

3 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n!
One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne,
*To Thee be endless praise,
For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days
Adored and magnified.*

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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.

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

*Finish then Thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before Thee
Lost in wonder love and praise

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Way Maker

1 You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

*(You are) Way Maker
Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness
my God that is who You are*

2 You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

3 You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

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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 READINGS

Hebrews 2:5-18 (p. 968)

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 John.*

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

John 1:29-42 (p. 860)

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

A Little While Lower, Now Crowned With Glory

Rev. Eric J. Bolash

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: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son:

Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CONFSSION 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

Grace

1 Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

2 Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

*By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord*

3 Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life without a stain
Was traded for this sinner

4 Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Savior

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

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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.*

People: **His Spirit is with us.**

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

*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.

Sanctus

Leader: Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might;

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might;

Leader: Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glory

People: Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glory

Leader: Hosanna in the Highest

People: Hosanna in the Highest

Leader: Blessed, blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord

People: Blessed, blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord

Leader: Hosanna

People: Hosanna

Leader: Hosanna in the highest

People: Hosanna in the highest

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"Sanctus" is the Latin word for "Holy." This song is based on Isaiah 6:3 "And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Jesus Is Lord

Every knee shall bow
Every tongue confess
Jesus is Lord
Jesus is Lord

Kanye West
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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*

1 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

2 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

3 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

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.

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One

*O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia*

St. Francis of Assisi | William Henry Draper
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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.

Paul Morales

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The Vine

Young-ish Adult Fellowship

Contact Jessie Nordstrom for more information.

Jessie Nordstrom

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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

apostles.raleigh.org/local

What's Happening at Apostles

Rwanda Partnership Trip ~ There will be an informational meeting today at 10am for anyone interested in the Rwanda Partnership Trip this summer {July 17-25, 2020}. Contact Teresa Kincaid with any questions: teresa@apostles-raleigh.org.

Parents' Night Out | January 25 | 5:30-8:30pm ~ Parents, enjoy a night out! Experienced child care workers along with our student ministry will provide your child(ren) with fun activities in a safe and well-supervised environment here at Apostles. Enjoy dinner alone, go shopping or just relax at home while we take care of your child for the evening! Dinner is provided. // \$12 for 1st child, \$6 per sibling, \$24 max per family //

SIGN UP HERE: apostles-raleigh.org/family

2020 Women's Retreat | February 28 - March 1 | Wrightsville Beach ~ We are excited to have Margaret Thielman as our speaker with Amanda Noël leading worship. Registration and retreat details here: apostles-raleigh.org/womensretreat If you are registered by January 27, your name will be entered in a prize drawing. Register TODAY!

Today

Sunday, January 19

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

Nursery: John Baptizes Jesus {Matthew 3:13-17}

Kids Time: Samuel Anoints David {1 Samuel 16}

Big Time: A Call to Commitment {Hebrews 2:5-18}

Student Ministry ~ The Deal tonight from 6-8pm!
High School ... have you registered for the Ski Trip??

Coming Soon

2/5 Prayer + Praise

2/23 Student Sunday

2/25 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

2/26 Ash Wednesday Service

Pastoral Search Team

The Pastoral Search Team is in the process of both getting a clear sense of the heart-beat of Apostles and discerning God's will around who He is calling to serve as our next Senior Pastor. While there are expected to be multiple avenues for feedback and communication, if you want to communicate with this team you can also do so through via searchteam@apostles-raleigh.org. Thank you for continuing to intercede for this process and for the team.

This Week

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- Women in the Word (W): 7-8:30pm

Tuesday, January 21

- Tuesday at Noon: 12-1:15pm
- Tuesday Prayer: 1:30-2:30pm
- Community HOPE Mentor Conference: 6-8pm

Wednesday, January 22

- 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
- The Vine Branch Out: 7-9pm {offsite}

Thursday, January 23

- 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
- Women's Mentoring Social: 7-9pm {offsite}

Saturday, January 25

- Parents' Night Out: 5:30-8:30pm



AMY JULIA BECKER

CHOOSING COURAGE & LOVE

IN A WORLD DIVIDED

JANUARY 30

7PM

church of the apostles
333 church at north hills street



NATASHA SISTRUNK ROBINSON

Hosted by Church of the Apostles and Holy Trinity Anglican Church

FREE ADMISSION | RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Division is nothing new and yet many of us feel ill-equipped to bridge the numerous divides in our current culture. Join us for a evening of discussion as we hear from two authors who have spent a lot of time on this topic, and reflecting on what Jesus means when he calls us to "love our neighbors"-- regardless of our own social, ethnic, religious, or cultural background. They gently invite us to engage in this conversation, as we together move towards hope and healing.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

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