

# CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City  
Through Jesus Christ*  
**APRIL 15, 2018**

## **Holy God We Praise Your Name**

1 Holy God, we praise Your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before You.  
Saints on earth your rule acclaim;  
all in heav'n above adore You.  
Infinite Your vast domain;  
everlasting is Your reign.

2 Hark, the glad celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
“Holy, holy, holy Lord!”

3 Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name You,  
though in essence only one;  
undivided God, we claim You,  
and, adoring, bend the knee  
while we own the mystery.

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Based on Te Deum, ca. 4th cent.

## EASTER SHOUT & OPENING PRAYER

*Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Leader: 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.**

### All Creatures Of Our God And King

1 All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

*O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia*

2 All the redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
O praise Him Alleluia  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him

3 He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him Alleluia  
Then who shall fall on bended knee  
All creatures of our God and King

4 Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
O praise Him Alleluia  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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### Great Are You Lord

You give life, You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore  
ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only*

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord

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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.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:4-7 (p. 2)

*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 20:19-23 (p. 881)

*Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## MESSAGE

**Sermon Series: Because It's Empty ...**

*Behind Locked Doors*

Rev. Patrick Dominguez

## 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 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. 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" in the Creed means the Church worldwide.*

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer." 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 our Archbishop Foley, our Bishop Steve, 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 especially for the work of NeighborHealth in our city. 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. Lord, in your mercy,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

(Additional prayers, thanksgivings, and petitions may be added.)

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

*Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.** —The absolution of sin is to be pronounced by a priest who symbolically stands in the authority of God to forgive the sins of those who truly repent (Matt 16:19, John 20:23).

*Leader: May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever. Amen.*

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

**People: And also with you.**

## WELCOME & OFFERING

### Morning Sun

1 On the first day of the week  
Mary came the grave to seek  
Jesus met her by the way  
On the first resurrection day

*Rising like the morning sun  
Bringing hope to everyone  
(Receive Him)  
Praise the Lord  
His work was done  
Jesus is my morning sun*

2 Hiding in that secret room  
His disciples  
Full of gloom (and sorrow)  
Suddenly the Lord appeared  
Death is conquered dry your tears

3 Then at last on the mountain top  
Angels told them  
You should stop (your crying)  
Jesus Christ will come again  
What a glad reunion then

James Ward  
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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.**

## **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 wafers** available upon request.*

## 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.*

### ***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.*

## 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**

Sandra McCracken

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## Lord I Need You

1 Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

*Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You*

2 Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

*Lord we need You oh we need You  
Ev'ry hour we need You  
Our one defense our righteousness  
Oh God how we need You  
Our one defense our righteousness  
Oh God how we need You*

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## Who You Say I Am

*Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am*

I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am

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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.*

## Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise

Sing to God a hymn of gladness

Sing to God a hymn of praise

*He who on the cross as Savior*

*For the world's salvation bled*

*Jesus Christ the King of Glory*

*Now is risen from the dead*

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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!**

# WELCOME!

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.



Our online communication tool connects you to ministries and members of the Apostles community. For more info contact Marsha Whyte: [marsha@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto: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](mailto: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*

[emily@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:emily@apostles-raleigh.org)

## Serve

There are several way 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.

## 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

[apostles.raleigh.org/local](http://apostles.raleigh.org/local)

# What's Happening at Apostles

**Abiding Prayer | Wednesday, April 18 | 7-8pm** ~ All are welcome to join us for this special time of contemplative prayer together. Abiding Prayer meets upstairs in the Youth Room.

**Women's Prison Ministry Training** ~ On Sunday, April 22 at 1pm, there will be a training session for those interested in volunteering with our Women's Prison Ministry. This training and certification is required for all volunteers. Please contact Linda Simpson-Gist {[mzd2u@bellsouth.net](mailto:mzd2u@bellsouth.net)} if you have questions or are interested in attending. Training will be held in upstairs classrooms.

## This Week

### Sunday, April 15

- Worship Services: 8:30am & 11:00am
- Sunday School: 10am
- The Deal: 6-8pm

### Monday, April 16

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

### Tuesday, April 17

- Tuesday at Noon (W): 12-1:15pm
- Tuesday Praise & Prayer: 1:30-2:30pm
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm

### Wednesday, April 18

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am (offsite)
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15-8:15am
- Growing in Grace (W): 9:30-11am
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm
- Abiding Prayer: 7-8pm

### Thursday, April 19

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

### Friday, April 20

- Rock The Night | Middle School

### Saturday, April 21

- Discovering Apostles Class: 9am-12pm

## Coming Soon

4/27 ~ Jonathan and Amanda Noël + Friends | 7pm

4/29 ~ Confirmation Sunday **\*ONE 10AM SERVICE\***  
Church-Wide Confirmation Potluck Lunch  
\*No\* Sunday School

5/13 ~ Student Sunday

5/20 ~ Pentecost Sunday

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

## Student Ministry

### APRIL

4/15 ~ The Deal | 6-8pm

4/20 ~ Middle School Event | Rock Climbing | 7-11pm

4/22 ~ The Deal | 6-8pm

4/29 ~ Confirmation Sunday {10am Service} | **\*NO\*** Deal

5/6 ~ Last Deal of the year!

5/13 ~ Student Sunday

## Children's Ministry

### Lessons for April 15, 2018

- **Nursery:** Jesus Is Alive {Matthew 28:16-20}
- **Kids Time:** God's Way is Better {1 Samuel 26}
- **Big Time:** Behind Locked Doors {John 20:19-23}

### Vacation Bible School 2018

*Shipwrecked ~ Rescued by Jesus*

**Sunday, June 24 - Thursday, June 28**

# CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

## & Church Cook Out

**April 29, 2018**

**\*ONE SERVICE\* at 10:00am**  
**{no Sunday School}**

Followed by Church-Wide Cook Out!

Hamburgers + hot dogs provided. Please bring a  
dessert or side to share.

**RSVP + SIDE SIGN UP:**  
**[apostles-raleigh.org/cookout](http://apostles-raleigh.org/cookout)**

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