



CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES

Raleigh, North Carolina

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ*

MARCH 31, 2019

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 dismissed after the singing, and will return before Communion.

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

3 Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

2 My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

4 He breaks the power of canceled sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

*(So) come on and sing out
Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love
Jesus*

5 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heaven.

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ACCLAMATION & OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

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.

Psalm 63 (O God You Are My God)

**All: O God you are my God
Earnestly I seek you**

*1 O God you are my God
Earnestly I seek you
My soul thirsts for you my body longs for you
In a dry and weary land where there is no water
I have seen you in the sanctuary
And beheld your power and glory
Because your love is better than life
My lips will glorify you*

*2 I will praise you as long as I live
And in your name I will lift up my hands
My soul will be satisfied as with the richest foods
With singing lips my mouth will praise you
On my bed I will remember you
I think of you through the watches of the night
Because you are my help
I sing in the shadow of your wing
My soul clings to you your right hand upholds me*

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Build My Life

1 Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

2 Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

*Holy there is no one like You
There is none besides You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who
You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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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. Kids Time is a dynamic worship service that caters to younger children and prepares them to participate in the main worship service. The children will return prior to Communion.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 3:7-13

(p. 993)

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

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Luke 1:26-33

(p. 830)

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

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: The Throne, the Lamb & the Dragon

Encouragement

Rev. Patrick Dominguez

NICENE CREED (said together)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: Father, we pray for your Church worldwide, that every member of your Holy Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: *Unify your Church in love, and glorify your name in every nation.*

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 the mission of Young Life as they proclaim the forgiveness and love that comes through Christ alone;

People: Give courage to those in leadership to boldly share the gospel, so that many students will become followers of Jesus.

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: We pray for your protection over this and every nation of the world;

People: Frustrate the ways of the wicked, and lead all who know you to be people of peace.

Leader: Father, hear us now as we present our requests to you in faith. I invite you to lift up your prayers silently or aloud; and if aloud, please pray clearly so that we can hear and agree with you in prayer.

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

People: *That our works may find favor in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy 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 have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. 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 Behold The Wondrous Mystery

1 Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
*In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us*

2 Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
*See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand*

3 Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
*See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold*

4 Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
*What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes*

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

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**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (said together)

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

Blessed Be Our God (Forever and Ever)

1 Blessed be our God forever and ever
Blessed be our God forever and ever
Blessed be our God forever and ever
Amen

2 Glory to our God forever and ever
Glory to our God forever and ever
Glory to our God forever and ever
Amen

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Unable to come forward? Please inform an usher to request that Communion be brought to you.
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

1 O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be

2 O Light that follow'st all my way
I yield my flickering torch to Thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
My brighter fairer be

3 O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

4 O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

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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.

OPPORTUNITIES

BENEDICTION

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.***

Your Great Name

*Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name*

Redeemer my Healer Lord Almighty
Defender my Savior You are my King

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*Our service begins with a **processional** where the cross and the clergy “process” into the sanctuary and ends with a **recessional**. Traditionally, the entire congregation processed in together. While that is no longer done, the symbolism remains. We remind ourselves and each other that we follow the cross of Christ into the presence of God to worship him. Then we are sent out into the world, following Christ, to love God and our neighbor.*

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth 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 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



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Community

Interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Consider joining a Community Group! 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

emily@apostles-raleigh.org



The Vine

20's + 30's Fellowship

cotavine@gmail.com

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
CORRAL Riding Academy
FOCUS Student Ministry

Gateway
Gideon International
Hope Reins

House of Hope
International Friends NCSU
Jobs for Life

JusticeMatters

Loaves and Fishes Ministry

Neighbor To Neighbor

NeighborHealth Center

North Raleigh Ministries

YoungLife {Raleigh}

SafeFamilies of Raleigh

The Encouraging Place

Women's Prison Ministry

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What's Happening at Apostles

First Communion Class | Sunday, April 7 | 4-5:15pm ~ Join us as we learn with other kids what happens at communion ~ When was the first communion? Why do we do it every week? Our time will include a clear presentation of the gospel and interactive class activities. Children must attend with a parent. Not sure if your child is ready? Just ask! **Sign up with Stacey: stacey@apostles-raleigh.org.**

Easter Lily Dedication ~ We will be decorating the sanctuary with lilies this Easter season. If you would like to give one in honor or in memory of someone, **email Laura** {laura@apostles-raleigh.org} with (1) "in honor of" or "in memory of", (2) the person's name, and (3) who is giving the gift. The list of dedications will be in the Easter Sunday bulletin. A \$15 minimum donation, which supports the flower ministry, is suggested.

This Week

Sunday, March 31

- Worship Services: 8:30am + 11am
- Town Hall Meeting: 10am
- *NO* Sunday School
- *NO DEAL*

Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

- Tuesday Prayer + Praise: 1:30-2:30pm
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm

Wednesday, April 3

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am {offsite}
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15-8:15am
- Growing in Grace (W): 9:30-11:30am
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm
- Potluck, Prayer + Praise: 5:30-7:30pm

Thursday, April 4

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

(M) Men | (W) Women

Coming Soon at Apostles

APRIL

- 3 ~ Potluck, Prayer + Praise | 5:30-7:30pm
- 6 ~ Community HOPE Cookout {offsite}
- First Serve Saturday | Wilmington, NC
- 8 ~ Pub Theology | 7pm | Lynnwood Brewing Concern

MAY

- 20 ~ Andrew Peterson Concert
- TICKETS: apostles-raleigh.org/andrewpeterson**

Student Ministry

- 3/31 ~ NO DEAL
- 4/7 ~ The Deal | 6-8pm

Middle School Night at Defy Gravity, Friday April 5th!

We'll meet at Defy Gravity at 7:30pm and jump for an hour and half, cost is \$24 per student. Scholarships are available. We encourage you to invite a friend! Sign up with Paul or Emily.

Children's Ministry

Lessons for March 31, 2019

- **Nursery:** A Rich Man's Quest {Matthew 19:16-26}
- **Kids Time:**

Apostles ROAR! VBS 2019
June 23 - 27, 2019

Holy Week

2019

at Church of the
Apostles

April 14 *Palm Sunday*

April 18 *Mundy Thursday Service*
6:00pm

April 19 *Good Friday Service*
Noon @ Apostles

April 20 **The Great Egg Hunt**
9am-12pm @ Eastgate Park

Easter Vigil 6-9pm

April 21 *Easter Sunday*
9am & 11am Services

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