

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear
Now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

2 Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea so gently sustaineth
Hast Thou not seen
How all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

3 Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

4 Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

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ACCLAMATION & OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Blessed be God, who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

All: Almighty God, who sent your only Son, Jesus, the light of the world to shine in the darkness, and make you known: Open our hearts to receive you, believe in your name, and to live as children of God awaiting the triumphant return of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

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*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*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

On this first week of Advent, we light the candle of hope to remind us that we wait in hope for the return of our Lord Jesus.

Your Great Name

1 Lost are saved find their way
At the sound of Your great Name
All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of Your great Name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great Name
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of 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*

2 All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great Name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great Name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great Name
The sick are healed the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name

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

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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

Psalm 80 (p. 474)

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 10:11-16 (p. 870)

John 15:5-8 (p. 876)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: Expectation & Restoration

Prayers That Get God's Attention

Rev. Patrick Dominguez

THE 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.

**The phrase "holy catholic Church" means the Church worldwide.*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords:

People: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Leader: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God:

CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have obstructed the way for your Son's coming in our lives. We have lived for our own desires and interests, rather than seeking first your Kingdom and your righteousness. By the power of your Holy Spirit, prepare the way for your coming in our hearts. Straighten our crooked ways. Flatten the mountainous greed within us. Fill in the valleys of our unrighteous thoughts. Smooth out the roughness of our speech; so that all mankind may see your salvation, through Jesus Christ, the light who has come into the world. 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

The Good Shepherd

1 I am the good shepherd
I lay down my life for you
Enter in, enter in, enter in
I am the good shepherd
As the Father knows me, I know you
I know you, I know you, I know you,

2 You are the good shepherd
You lay down your life for me
Enter in, enter in, enter in
You are the good shepherd
As the Father knows you, you know me
You know me, you know me, you know me

*And no one can take you away
And no one can take you away*

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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 be with you.

People: And also with you.

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.

Our Father In Heaven (The Lord's Prayer)

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your Name
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as in heav'n

Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
Now and forever, 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.

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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Arise My Soul Arise

1 Arise my soul arise
Shake off thy guilty fears
The bleeding Sacrifice
In my behalf appears
Before the throne my Surety stands
Before the throne my Surely stands
My name is written on His hands

2 He ever lives above
For me to intercede
His all redeeming love
His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for all our race
His blood atoned for all our race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

Arise (arise), Arise (arise), Arise
Arise my soul arise!
Arise (arise), Arise (arise), Arise
Arise my soul arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

3 Five bleeding wounds He bears
Received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers
They strongly plead for me
Forgive him oh forgive they cry
Forgive him oh forgive they cry
Nor let that ransomed sinner die

4 The Father hears Him pray
His dear Anointed One
He cannot turn away
The presence of His Son
His Spirit answers to the Blood
His Spirit answers to the Blood
And tells me I am born of God

5 My God is reconciled
His pard'ning voice I hear
He owns me for His child
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And Father Abba Father cry

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Your Love Is Alive

The whole earth is filled, the whole earth is filled
Filled with Your glory, filled with Your glory
My whole life is filled, my whole life is filled
Filled with Your glory, filled with Your glory

Your love is alive, Your love is alive
Your love is beating inside of my heart
And my soul and my mind
Your love is alive, Your love is alive
Your love is leading me into the way
And the truth and the life

Reminded by darkness or lost out at sea
Even in death You're always with me
And when I am fearful I won't be afraid
Oh Spirit remind me Your presence remains

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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

Remain watchful with your eyes on Christ, who humbled himself to be born in a manger, and who will come again in glory. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Amen

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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DISMISSAL

Leader: Go forth in hope. The Christ is coming.
People: Thanks be to God!

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

Community

Interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Consider joining a Community Group! Various community groups meet throughout the week. Contact Lee for more information.

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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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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.

Poinsettia Dedication

We will be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias for the Advent Season. If you would like to give one in honor or in memory of someone, email 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 Christmas Eve bulletin. A \$15 minimum donation, which supports the flower ministry, is suggested.

Year End Giving Records

Please note that gifts of securities and mutual funds must be transferred to, and received in, the Church's brokerage account **by noon on December 29, 2017** to be included with 2017 giving. Because the church offices will be closed December 25 -29, we are requesting that you make every effort to bring any year end gifts for the general offering during the services on December 24th, 31st, or simply mail them. Payments mailed **and postmarked** by December 31, 2017 will be reflected on your 2017 Giving Record. If your bank issues your payment, please allow plenty of time for our receipt by mail. You can always check your giving records by logging into Apostles Link. Click on your name and select My Profile, then select the Financial tab. For any questions about your giving, please contact Laynette Rustin accounting@apostle-raleigh.org.

What's Happening at Apostles

Advent Compline ~ "Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace." During Advent, the season in which we mark the waning sunlight and growing winter and look forward to the new light brought to us in Jesus at Christmas, this brief Compline service helps us to slow down, catch our breath, and remember our deep desire for God's restoration and healing. Wednesdays at 8:45pm during Advent {12/6 * 12/13 * 12/20}

Women's Retreat Bake Sale | Sunday, December 10! *Bring a goodie:* Email Lou White lwhite@alfredwilliams.com with the item you'd like to donate. All baked goods can be dropped off on the day of the sale. ***Buy a goodie:*** The bake sale will be open after both 8:30 and 11:00 services. Consider grabbing a treat for a friend, neighbor or Christmas gift! Proceeds will go toward scholarships for the Women's Retreat in February. apostles-raleigh.org/womensretreat

This Week

Sunday, December 3

- Worship Services: 8:30am & 11am
- Advent Wreath Making: 10am
- The Deal Christmas Party: 6-8pm

Monday, December 4

- Community HOPE: 4:30-6:30pm
- Vine Fellowship: Elf @ The Rialto: 7pm

Tuesday, December 5

- Tuesday at Noon: *resumes January 9*
- Tuesday Prayer & Praise: 1:30-2:30pm
- Community HOPE: 4:30-6:30pm

Wednesday, December 6

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am (offsite)
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15-8:15am
- Growing in Grace (W): 9:30-11am
- Community HOPE: 4:30-6:30pm
- Abiding Prayer: 7-8pm
- Advent Compline: 8:45pm

Thursday, December 7

- Blackwater Group (M): 7-8am (offsite)
- Men's Fraternity (M): 6:45-8am
- Community HOPE: 4:30-6:30pm

Coming Soon

DECEMBER

- 10 ~ Lessons & Carols Presentation {6pm}
- 13 ~ Women's Christmas Coffee + Dessert {7pm}
- 17 ~ Christmas Pageant {10am}
- 24 ~ Christmas Eve Services {3pm, 5pm, 11pm}
- 25 ~ Morning Prayer Service {10am}

JANUARY

- 7 ~ Town Hall Meeting
- 21 ~ Sunday School resumes

Student Ministry

DECEMBER

12/03 ~ Tonight! Christmas Party | 6-8pm ~ Bring a wrapped \$5 gift to participate in our epic gift exchange! (Meet in Fellowship Hall)

SUMMER 2018 Trip dates are posted on our website! apostles-raleigh.org/studentsummer2018

Children's Ministry

Lessons for December 3

- **Nursery:** Esther is Brave {Esther 2-9}
- **Kids Time:** Using Our Talents for God {Exodus 25:1-9}

Lessons & Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 6:00PM

Cocoa and Cookies Reception to Follow



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