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Through Jesus Christ
NOVEMBER 2, 2014

OPENING PRAYER

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

All Creatures Of Our God And King

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

O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
O praise Him, alleluia
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice

3 And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O sing ye alleluia
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on Him cast your care

O Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

4 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

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Blessed Be Your Name

1 Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

2 Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in
Lord still I will say

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

3 Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

4 Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in
Lord still I will say (chorus)

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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At this time, children 4k-2nd grade are invited to go to Kids Time and kids 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.

Your Name

1 As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your name

*Your name is a strong and mighty tower
Your name is a shelter like no other
Your name, let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your name*

2 Jesus, in Your name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your name

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading

Romans 5:6-11 (p. 798)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Mark 2:13-17 (p. 708)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series:

Crossing Paths with Jesus

"Levi"

The Rev. Patrick Dominguez

(There is a space for sermon notes on page 9.)

For your convenience, there are sound speakers available in the Lobby and in the BabyBeams nursery cry room that allow you to hear the service if you have a child who is crying or needs to be fed.

Sermon Notes

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" means the Church worldwide.*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: Heavenly Father, we pray for the church in Rwanda, in our nation and in every nation of the world.

People: Lead us to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that you have commanded.

Leader: We pray for our elected leaders, that they would make laws that are just, helping the poor and powerless in the world.

People: O Lord, defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.

Leader: Father, we pray for those in your church throughout the world who face suffering and all kinds of trials.

People: Give grace to all who participate in the sufferings of Christ, that we may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

Leader: We pray for our mission partner StepUp, working to help people with employment and life-skills training.

People: Work mightily through their ministry to provide for, protect and guide those who are in trouble or in need.

Leader: O Lord, you have pursued each of us when we were separated from you in order to bring us near to you through Christ.

People: Involve us in your pursuit of all those around us who are without hope and without God in the world.

Leader: Lord God, we ask you to guide the people of our city and country in the election of officials and representatives;

People: That by wise laws and faithful governing, the rights of all may be protected, and your will accomplished through us.

Leader: Lord, you are near to all who call on you. Hear us now as we lift up our needs to you. (You're invited to add your own intercessions silently or aloud.)

CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*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.**

**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 (Matthew 16:19, John 20:23).*

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME and OFFERING

And Can It Be

1 And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

2 He left His Father's throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me

3 'Tis mystery all th'Immortal dies
Who can explore His strange design
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine
'Tis mercy all let earth adore
Let angel minds inquire no more

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee

5 No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own

*Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me*

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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**

*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. 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.

COMMUNION SONGS (Please join in singing during communion.)

A prayer team is available to pray with you at the back of the worship area.

I Am The Bread Of Life

1 I am the Bread of life
You who come to Me shall not hunger
You who believe in Me shall not thirst
No one can come to Me
Unless the Father draw them

*And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up
And I will raise you up on the last day*

2 The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world
And you who eat of this bread
You shall live forever, you shall live forever

3 I am the Resurrection, I am the Life
You who believe in me
Even if you die, you shall live forever.

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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
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (said together)

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, now and forever. Amen.

You Alone Can Rescue

1 Who O Lord could save themselves
Their own soul could heal
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your grace is deeper still

*You alone can rescue
You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

2 You O Lord have made a way
The great divide You healed
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
Yes Your love goes further still

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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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DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

Welcome Visitors and Newcomers...

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. Below are a few ways that you can become more involved at Apostles. If you have questions this morning, you can fill out the yellow card under the chair in front of you.

Discovering Apostles Membership Class—This class includes teaching about Church of the Apostles and information about becoming a member. Our next class will be held November 9 from 3pm-6pm. *If you have any questions, please contact Marsha at 782-0550 x29 or marsha@apostles-raleigh.org.*

Join A Community Group—Are you interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Do you desire to have relationships in the church that go deeper than surface level conversations? Join a Community Group! *Please contact Lee Hilts (lee@apostles-raleigh.org).*

The Pulse Email Newsletter—If you would like to receive our weekly email newsletter with updates and announcements about what is going on at Apostles, simply fill out the yellow card under the seat in front of you with your email and drop it in the offering basket.

PEARUSA eNewsletter You can sign up for email updates about PEARUSA, the church movement of which Apostles is a vital part. Simply go to www.pearusa.org/newsletter-sign-up and enter your email address.

ApostlesLink.org—Are you a member or involved in the life of Apostles? Join our online communication tool: Apostles Link. *To get a login, email Julie at julie@apostles-raleigh.org.*

The Ebenezer: Apostles' Blog—Would you like to hear stories about how the Lord is working in and through the people and ministries of Apostles? Check out our blog! www.apostles-raleigh.org/blog/

This Week at Apostles

The following are some events taking place at Apostles. For more info, please visit our website.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Worship Services—8:30am & 11:00am
Sunday School—10-10:50am

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Women in the Word (Women)—7-9pm: 201

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Tuesdays at Noon (Women)—12-1:30pm: 201
Prayer—2-4pm: Sanctuary
Advent Choir Practice—6:30-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Sleepyheads (Men)—7:15-8:15am: 208
Growing in Grace (Women)—9:30-11:30am

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Men's Fraternity (Men)—6:30-8am

Sara Groves Christmas Concert December 14

On Sunday, December 14 at 7pm, Church of the Apostles will host 7-time Dove Award nominated Christian musical artist Sara Groves. The concert will take place in the Sanctuary here at Church of the Apostles. Our own Jonathan and Amanda Noël will also be playing a few of their songs.

We have a set amount of tickets for families and guests of Church of the Apostles and Holy Trinity Church, but this concert is also open to the general public, so buy your tickets now! Around Thanksgiving we will make all remaining tickets available to the public.

Tickets are on sale on our website: <http://apostles-raleigh.org/calendar/>

Apostles Children's Ministry

Kids Time—This week we continue our study of the Old Testament with the story of God delivering the Jews through Esther (Esther).

Big Time—Come learn about God delivering his people through Esther in Big Time this week!

Sunday School

PreK & Kindergarten: Going into God's Place: Entering the Promised Land (stories from Joshua and 1 Samuel).

1st & 2nd Grade: Psalm 23

3rd Grade: Sometimes Strange Stories from the Old Testament

4th & 5th Grade: Will be studying Bible stories they chose at the beginning of the semester and spending time in small groups.

Mission Focus—Operation Christmas Child boxes are available in the lobby. They're due Sunday, November 16—2 weeks!!

Family Devotional Workshop: Praying in Color—Postponed until the spring semester. Stay tuned for the new dates!

Children's Ministry Newsletter—This once/month newsletter has all the lessons for the month, upcoming dates to note, important announcements, and encouragement for child discipleship in your home. Don't receive it? *Email robin@apostles-raleigh.org to be added to the list.*

How to get involved at Apostles...

The Vine—Apostles 20s/30s Community—Contact curt@apostles-raleigh.org

Want to join a Community Group?—Contact lee@apostles-raleigh.org

Women's Bible Studies—<http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-community-groups/>

Men's Bible Studies—<http://apostles-raleigh.org/mens-community-groups/>

Adult Sunday School Classes—<http://apostles-raleigh.org/adult-sunday-school/>

Discovering Apostles Class

Sunday, November 9

This class is a prerequisite to becoming a member at Apostles, but it is also simply a great way to learn more about Church of the Apostles. Our next class will be Sunday, November 9 from 3pm-6pm. Snacks will be served and childcare is available upon request. If you would like to sign up for the class, please email Marsha at marsha@apostles-raleigh.org.

Baptism—November 30

Our next baptism will be on Sunday, November 30. There will be a class for parents on Saturday, November 15, from 9am-10:00am. We ask that at least one parent of the child being baptized be a member at Apostles. If you are interested in having your child baptized, please email Marsha at marsha@apostles-raleigh.org.

Apostles Link Picture Day—TODAY

There will be a team of photographers in the lobby after both of the services today to take your picture for Apostles Link. If you don't already have a good, clear picture on Apostles Link, simply swing by the lobby and we'll take your picture and upload it for you. There will also be some information sheets that will help you keep your profile up to date.

Dinner at Apostles with Bethlehem Bible College's President

Come and meet Jack Sara, president of Bethlehem Bible College, on November 14th from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, as he shares information about BBC and its mission as well as updates us on the current conditions of Palestinian Christians. Enjoy a catered dinner from Sassool's, meet friends of the college, and discover how you can better pray for and support this ministry as it spreads the Gospel and works for the reconciliation of all people. Since this is a catered meal, please RSVP by Wed, Nov 5 to sj2427@nc.rr.com. *No childcare provided.*

Men's Retreat—March 26-29, 2015

Top Gun, a men's retreat run by Zoweh Ministry and Michael Thompson (last year's men's retreat speaker), is holding its annual men's retreat March 26-29, 2015. With the men's ministry not running an annual COTA retreat, the church is encouraging as many men to sign up for this retreat. Top Gun has saved 40 spots for our church and we need men to sign up between November 15th - January, 2015. There are flyers in the lobby for more information about the weekend. Scholarships will be available if needed.

Apostles Student Ministry

10:00 Hour meets for both middle and high school students.

Bo Batchelder will be our guest speaker for our high school *Foundations* class in Room 206.

The Deal meets at 11:00am!

High School Community Groups meet Sunday evening (for specifics contact your small group leader or kara@apostles-raleigh.org)

Middle School Movie Night this Sunday from 5:30-7pm in the Youth Room!

Fall Camp is at Camp Oak Hill November 21-23 for all students! Sign up through Apostles Link. Space is limited!

Welcome to Church of the Apostles

We pray that you know God's presence as you worship with us today. The words to the songs and the order of service are printed in this bulletin.

Holy Communion is open to all who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Children are welcome to receive communion at their parent's discretion. It is our custom to use wine during communion. If you choose not to partake of the wine, you can receive grape juice from the smaller chalices on the end of the serving lines.

Please fill out a yellow Connection Card found under the seat in front of you and place it in the offering basket when it comes around. We invite you to use the card to inform us of any prayer requests or questions about Church of the Apostles.

Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. While our members and regular attendees will be participating, we do not want you to feel that it is required of you. Thank you for joining us today.

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