

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ*
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 6, 2014
11:00AM

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

I Sing The Almighty Power Of God

1 I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at His command
And all the stars obey

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with His word
And then pronounced them good
Lord how Thy wonders are displayed
Where'er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky

3 There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from Thy throne
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care
And everywhere that we can be
Thou God art present there

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Indescribable

1 From the highest of heights
To the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall
To the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique
In the song that it sings
All exclaiming

*Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful, untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God*

2 Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt
Where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses
Laden with snow
Who imagined the sun
And gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us
The coolness of night
None can fathom

*Indescribable, Uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me me the same
You are amazing God*

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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.

O Great God

1 O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore

2 I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joy
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

3 Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your name through me

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p. 561)

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 16:5-15 (p. 765)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series:

The Night Before...

"The Holy Spirit, our Dear Friend"

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: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Leader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For International Bible Study at NC State, as they share the Gospel with students from all over the world, we pray

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

(At this time you are invited to offer your own prayers to the Lord, either silently or aloud.)

CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

Leader: In the book of Joel, the prophet reminds us, 'Yet even now, says the Lord, repent and return to me with all your heart.' Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that we have not loved as You have called us to love. We have been impatient and unkind. We have been jealous, boastful and proud. We have responded rudely to others and often lived for ourselves alone. Our anger has come quickly while our desire for the best for others has been hard to find. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME and OFFERING

Sing To Jesus

1 Come and see
Look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe
Nailed to a tree
Christ our God
Spilling His holy blood
Bowing in anguish
His sacred head

*Sing to Jesus
Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts
He is our great Redeemer
Sing to Jesus
Honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness
Pouring His life out unto death*

2 Come you weary
And He will give you rest
Come you who mourn
Lay on His breast
Christ who died
Risen in paradise
Giver of mercy
Giver of life

*Sing to Jesus
His is the throne
Now and forever
He is the King of heaven
Sing to Jesus we are His own
Now and forever
Sing for the love our God has shown*

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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.

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 Will Sing Of My Redeemer

1 I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me
On the cruel cross He suffered
From the curse to set me free

2 I will tell the wondrous story
How my lost estate to save
In His boundless love and mercy
He the ransom freely gave

*Sing O sing of my Redeemer
With His blood He purchased me
On the cross He sealed my pardon
Paid the debt and made me free*

3 I will praise my dear Redeemer
His triumphant power I'll tell
How the victory He giveth
Over sin and death and hell

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Thy Mercy

Hallelujah!

1 Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

2 Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

3 Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found

4 Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

Hallelujah!

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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace*

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

3 The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

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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.

BLESSING

May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and forever. Amen.

Unto The King

Now unto the King eternal
Unto the King immortal
Unto the King invisible
The only wise God
The only wise God

*Oh unto the King be glory and honor
Unto the King forever
Unto the King be glory and honor
Forever and ever 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 of this church. Our next class will be held in the fall. *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 Ford Jordan if you have any questions (ford@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 new 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 @ Apostles

The following are some events taking place at Apostles. If you would like more info, please visit our website.

Sunday, April 6

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

Monday, April 7

Women in the Word—7-9pm: Rooms 202-205

Tuesday, April 8

Women's Bible Study—12:30-2:00: Room 201
Prayer—2-4pm: Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 9

Sleepyheads Bible Study—7:15-8:15am: Rm 208
GiG Bible Study—9:30-11:30am

Thursday, April 10

Men's Fraternity—6:45-8:00am

Special Services & Events

April 6—Service of Worship, Prayer, and Praise
Join us tonight from 6-7pm for a time of corporate worship and prayer.

April 13—Palm Sunday (8:30am & 11am)

April 17—Maundy Thursday (6:30-7:15pm)

April 18—Good Friday (12noon-1pm)

April 19—The Great Egg Hunt (10am-12noon)

April 20—Easter Sunday (9am & 11am)

Leadership Council Nominations

Nominations for the Leadership Council are due by April 13th. The Leadership Council (LC) serves to manage the business and legal affairs of the church; provide advice and council to Patrick; and assist in planning and evaluating the strategic plans of the church. Please review the nomination form (which can be found in the Lobby) as it lays out the qualifications for LC and submit the nomination form for any members of the church who you believe would be a valuable addition to LC. A discernment committee led by Hampton Pitts and Matt Young will be contacting nominees to come to an information session to find out more about the LC and the process going forward.

Apostles Children's Ministry

VBS and The Great Egg Hunt are just around the corner. We are collecting plastic eggs, nut-free candy, and stickers. To find out more about how you can donate or volunteer, check out the board in the back of the lobby or contact robin@apostles-raleigh.org.

Vacation Bible School is June 23-27! VBS is now FULL! The remaining spaces are reserved for children of volunteers. Contact robin@apostles-raleigh.org to volunteer or add your child to the wait list.

Children's Ministry Newsletter—Don't receive the newsletter? Email robin@apostles-raleigh.org to be added to the list.

Nursery—The nursery lesson for this week is Jesus' Triumphant Entry (Matthew 21).

March-April Mission Focus—Our missions focus for March and April is collecting first aid supplies for our sister church in Rwanda. Items like band-aids, antibiotic ointment, thermometers, gauze, etc. can be donated in the KidsTime room.

Kids Time—The lesson this week is Jesus' Triumphant Entry (Matthew 21). The April memory verse is Romans 5:8, 6:23 (Seeds of Worship track #3).

Sunday School—PreK-3rd grade are studying the The Parable of the Tower Builder (Luke 14:25-35). Fourth and fifth grade continues to study the book of Philippians with Inductive Bible Study Methods.

Big Time—We have Big Time on the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month at both services. Our lesson this week is Jesus heals a man born blind (John 9). The April memory verse is Romans 5:8, 6:23 (Seeds of Worship track #3).

Getting Involved at Apostles

Children's Sunday School—Sundays at 10am—For ages birth through 5th grade

Adult Sunday School—Sundays at 10am

Student Ministry Small Groups—Sundays at 6pm—Church of the Apostles—Contact curt@apostles-raleigh.org or kara@apostles-raleigh.org

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

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

Women's Ministry

<http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-community-groups/>

GIG (Growing in Grace) Bible Study—

Wednesdays | 9:30am-11:30am

Sign ups for next Fall's study of Matthew will begin soon. If you would like to visit the study to see how it works before committing, please join us on March 26th from 9:45am - 11:30am. Due to logistics, we cannot offer childcare to visitors that day.

Contact Susan Blazier at susanblazier@yahoo.com or 919-280-6302.

Muffins & More—2nd & 4th Mondays | 10am-11:30am

Contact: Sue Barclay (suebarclay@juno.com, 783-5043) or Cheryl Andrassy (candrassy@nc.rr.com, 781-4370). No childcare is provided.

Women in the Word—Mondays | 7pm-9pm

Contact Prissy Stufflebeam (prissyst@nc.rr.com, 876-0429) or Elizabeth Nichols (enicholsslp@gmail.com or 266-1930)

"Breaking Free" by Beth Moore—Tuesdays |

12:30-2:00 PM | Study of "Breaking Free" by Beth Moore (*updated version)

Contact Liz Rickner | eb2926@nc.rr.com | 919-301-8569

Men's Ministry

<http://apostles-raleigh.org/mens-community-groups/>

Blackwater Group—Thursdays | 7am-8am

Location: Ragsdale-Liggett Conference Room: 2840 Plaza Place, Suite 401, Raleigh 27612
Contact Eric Bolash | 919-368-5234 | eric@apostles-raleigh.org

Sleepy Heads—Wednesdays | 7:15am-8:15am

Location: Church of the Apostles, Room 201
Contact Ed Bailey | 919-832-7305 | bailey@redeagle-co.com

Men's Fraternity—Thursdays | 6:45am-8:00am

Location: Church of the Apostles, Room 204
Contact Barney Ford (608-239-8182 | cbf1945@gmail.com) & Bruce Berger (919-783-5900 | bruceberger@mac.com)

Band of Brothers Group—Wednesdays | 7am

Location: Panera Bread at Crabtree Mall
Contact Curt Blazier | curtblazier@gmail.com

Branch & Vine Relationship—Tuesdays | 7pm

Contact Frank Andrassy | 919-649-5480

Adult Sunday School

Please come and join any of our Adult Sunday School classes!

How then shall we live?

Led by Brent Burgess, Alpesh Patel & Curt Blazier
Room 201

That The World May Know

Led by John Farwell
Room 204

Jesus and Money

Led by Sam Bass & Taylor Waren
Room 203

Sermon on the Mount

Led by Eric Bolash & Owen Kelly
Room 205

Apostles Student Ministry

April 6

Donut Hour 10am

The DEAL 11 am

Small groups meet at normal times (check with leader)

"The Deal" Student Worship in Youth Room

At 11:00am the first three Sundays of the month The Deal worship kicks off. This is a full-blown worship experience designed to engage the mind and heart of junior and senior high students. This service not only employs technology, drama, and creativity, but is also designed and led by students.

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. Then either place it in the offering basket, or, after the service, take it to the Connections Table for a complimentary gift bag. We invite you to use the card to inform us of any prayer requests or questions about Church or 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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