

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ
MAY 18, 2014*

The time in the church year lasting from Easter Sunday to Pentecost is the Easter season. We celebrate Christ's resurrection by beginning our worship each week with the Easter shout.

EASTER SHOUT

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, who through your Son revealed the truths of your Kingdom, give us eyes to see, ears to hear and hearts to obey as you teach us in the power of your Holy Spirit; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven

1 Praise my soul the King of heaven
To His feet your tribute bring
Ransomed healed restored forgiven
Evermore His praises sing
Alleluia alleluia
Praise the everlasting King

2 Praise Him for His grace and favor
To His people in distress
Praise Him still the same as ever
Slow to chide and swift to bless
Alleluia alleluia
Glorious in His faithfulness

3 Fatherlike He tends and spares us
Well our feeble frame He knows
In His hands He gently bears us
Rescues us from all our foes
Alleluia alleluia
Widely yet His mercy flows

4 Angels help us to adore Him
You behold Him face to face
Sun and moon bow down before Him
All who dwell in time and space
Alleluia alleluia

Praise with us the God of grace

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Our Great God

1 Eternal God unchanging
Mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love
Unfailing in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight
Around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night
In praise to You alone

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God
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2 Lord we are weak and frail
Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels
Hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy
His pleasure is our harm
Rise up O Lord and he will flee
Before our sov'reign God

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.

Revelation Song

1 Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You

3 Let ev'ry creature in the sea
And ev'ry flying bird
Let ev'ry mountain
Ev'ry field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars
In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by His Word

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2 Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, Strength and glory
And power be to You
The only wise King

3 Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power
Breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

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SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel Reading

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Luke 16:19-31 (p. 741)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

**Sermon Series:
...and He told them a Parable**

"Rich Mercy"

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 Church of the Apostles, for the Gikomero parish in Rwanda and for the Church worldwide.

People: That through us, you would scatter the seed of your word so that it can be heard, received and multiplied for your glory.

Leader: We pray for those in the world who have heard your word, but not understood its meaning.

People: Speak to them again the message of the gospel, that your love would reach them.

Leader: We pray for those around us who have heard your word, but have fallen away because of the troubles of life.

People: Surround them with your saints and the power of your Spirit to help them out of trouble and into the hope of Christ.

Leader: We pray for Terri Shell, leading InterVarsity staff to bring the gospel to college students.

People: Give her wisdom in planning and oversight, that many students would hear the good news and respond with faith.

Leader: We pray for any who are sidetracked from hearing your word because of worry or the love of wealth.

People: Awaken faith in them to believe in your provision and trust in you alone.

Leader: Father, hear us now as we humbly submit our needs to your care.

(You are invited to boldly speak out your prayers to the Lord, aloud or in your heart.)

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

CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

Gracious and compassionate God, we admit that we have often ignored your word and gone our own way. We have been hungry for wealth and worldly pleasures, seeking stability and comfort in them rather than in you. Fill us with godly sorrow that leads to repentance, that we would return to you and walk according to your word; through 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

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

1 I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree

*I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the holy Judge
The Lamb Who is my righteousness
The Lamb Who is my righteousness*

2 I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone

*I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush up on me
My feet are firm held by His grace
My feet are firm held by His grace*

3 I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagle's wings
He crowns my life with loving kindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing

*I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold*

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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.

Just As I Am

1 Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

2 Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many conflicts, many doubts
Fightings and fears within, without
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind
Sight, riches, healing of the mind
Yea, all I need in Thee to find
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

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Your Grace Is Enough

1 Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

*Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

2 Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of heaven's vict'ry
And all Your people sing along

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

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I Was Lifted Up Into The Light (Ode 21)

1 *I was lifted up into the light*
The God of my salvation
I put off darkness, and put on light
My light and my salvation
He released me from my chains
The God of my salvation
And he showed me great compassion
My help and my salvation
And I was near Him
And lost myself in praise
Glory to God in the highest
Amen

2 *I passed before the Lord Most High*
The God of my salvation
I served before Him in the light
My light and my salvation
And healing went before Him
The God of my salvation
And we fellow-shipped in purity
My help and my salvation
And I was near Him
And lost myself in praise
Glory to God in the highest
Amen

Glory to God **Alleluia**
In the highest **Alleluia**
To the Light of the World
And our salvation
Glory to God **Alleluia**
In the highest **Alleluia**
To the Light of the World
And our salvation
Amen

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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

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and forever. Amen.

Mighty To Save

1 Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

*Savior
He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave*

2 So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King Jesus
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And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King

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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, May 18

Worship Services—8:30am & 11am
Children's Sunday School—10-10:50am
Adult Fellowship—10-10:50am

Tuesday, May 20

Prayer—1-3pm: Sanctuary

Thursday, May 22

Men's Fraternity—6:45-8:00am

Raleigh Fellows

Host Families Needed

As we finish well with the 2014 Raleigh Fellows we're excited to begin preparing for the incoming 2015 class starting in the Fall. If you are interesting in being a Host Family or Mentor to a Fellow for 9 months, please email Ashley Crutchfield at ashley@raleighfellows.com for more information. Fellows are young, vibrant, energizing- and a gift to be around!

Youth Fundraiser

Last Sunday we kicked off our "Pushing the Envelope" fundraiser for student missions! We have labeled envelopes 1-144 and encouraged the congregation to each take one envelope. We are then asking that you would give the same amount of money as the number written on the envelope! For example, if you take the envelope labeled 74, you would contribute \$74. If all 144 envelopes are taken, we will raise over \$10,000!

There are still a few envelopes left, so if you did not get one last week there are still some available! If you picked one up last week, you can turn in your envelope at the church, or donate online. Thanks so much for your support!

Apostles Children's Ministry

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 Acts 16:16-34: Singing in Jail. The memory verse is "Sing to God and tell of his wonderful acts." Psalm 105:2.

Mission Focus—We are beginning to collect healthy after school snacks (non-perishable), postage stamps, and tall kitchen trash bags for House of Hope, a ministry that helps share the love of Jesus with teenage girls.

Kids Time—God makes a Covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12-21). * Our memory verse for this month is Jeremiah 33:3. It is Seeds of Encouragement track #1. Our Missions Focus this month is House of Hope- we are collecting healthy snacks, large kitchen trash bags, and postage stamps.

Sunday School—Today is the last day for children's Sunday school. PreK-3rd Grade: Jesus Ascends to Heaven (Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:1-11). 4th and 5th grade will continue their inductive Bible study of Philippians. Parents are invited to join their 4th and 5th grade students for Sunday School this week.

Big Time—This week in Big Time will be working on creating an OT timeline as a class to put up in our Big Time Classroom.

Getting Involved at Apostles

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 Suzanne Garrison suzgarrison@icloud.com or 919-607-0267.

Summer Bible Study for Women

Life is full of interruptions: they're aggravating and sometimes infuriating. But how we handle interruptions actually tell us about ourselves. The prophet Jonah's existence was interrupted by a call of God that would require a complete change of life. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city. Come join other Apostles women this summer to consider how God often interrupts our journeys by offering a divine invitation to be part of something more. The study will be Monday nights at 7 pm and will run from 6/9-7/28. To sign up, contact Betty Edwards at 919-787-4565 or ejeraleigh@aol.com. The cost is \$13 for study guide. Register by Monday, June 2nd, books have to be ordered.

Muffins 'n More will be starting a year long study of 1 Corinthians on Monday, September 8th. We are a group of committed women who meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month in Room 208 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Come join us! Contacts: Sue Barclay (suebarclay@juno.com, 783-5043) and Cheryl Andrassy (candrassy@nc.rr.com, 781-4370). No childcare is provided.

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

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

Lost & Found

Come on...you just realized you misplaced your child's favorite sippy cup or there is that umbrella you brought on a rainy Sunday morning only to forget it when you left church to sunshine or maybe you left behind one of your 12 pairs of reading glasses and now you're down to 1.

Regardless of what you may have lost at church, there's a chance it's in our Lost & Found. Over the next few weeks, we will have a table in the lobby with all of these items. Please stop by and see if anything might belong to you or your family.

Any unclaimed items will be donated to North Raleigh Ministries on June 2.

Sermon Series Art

During the span of our sermon series on the parables of Jesus, we will be displaying artwork in the lobby illustrating each of the parables. Please take some time to check out the art as a way to deepen your understanding and appreciation for the stories that Jesus used to make his Word known to more people.

Apostles Student Ministry

May 11

Mother's Day service down stairs at 8:30 & 11am
No Donut Hour
No Small Groups

"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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