

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ*
MARCH 9, 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.

Come Worship The Lord

*Come worship the Lord
For we are His people
The flock that He shepherds
Alleluia*

John Michael Talbot
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Your Great Name We Praise

*Most holy most glorious the Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious Your great Name we praise*

1 Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most holy most glorious the Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious Your great Name we praise

2 Unresting unhasting and silent as light
Not wanting or wasting You rule us in might
Your Justice like mountains high soaring above
Your Clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

3 All life comes from You Lord to both great and small
In all life You live Lord the true Life of all
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail
We wither and perish but You never fail

4 Great Father of Glory pure Father of Light
Your angels adore You all veiling their sight
All praise we will render oh Father of Grace
Till one day in splendor we see face to face

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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.

Forever Reign

1 You are good, You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love, You are love
On display for all to see
You are light, You are light
When the darkness closes in
You are hope, You are hope
You have covered all my sin

2 You are peace, You are peace
When my fear is crippling
You are true, You are true
Even in my wandering
You are joy, You are joy
You're the reason that I sing
You are life, You are life
In You death has lost its sting

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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*(Oh) I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign*

3 You are more, You are more
Than my words will ever say
You are Lord, You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here, You are here
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God, You are God
Of all else I'm letting go

My heart will sing no other Name
Jesus, Jesus

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading

I John 1:1-7 (p. 862)

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 14:1-14 (p. 763-764)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series:

The Night Before...

"The Assurance of Things Hoped For"

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: We lift up the ministry of House of Hope as they care for young women and their families.

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

Blessed Assurance

1 Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

*This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long*

2 Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

3 Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

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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.

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

1 How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

2 Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

3 I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Beautiful Scandalous Night

1 Go on up to the mountain of mercy
To the crimson perpetual tide
Kneel down on the shore
Be thirsty no more
Go under and be purified

2 Follow Christ to the holy mountain
Sinner sorry and wrecked by the fall
Cleanse your heart and your soul
In the fountain that flows
For you and for me and for all

*At the wonderful tragic mysterious tree
On that beautiful scandalous night
You and me were atoned by His blood
And forever washed white
On that beautiful scandalous night*

3 On the hillside you will be delivered
At the foot of the cross justified
And your spirit restored
By the river that pours
From our blessed Savior's side

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

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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 & 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: 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, March 9

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

Monday, March 10

Muffins & More—10-11:30am: Room 208
Women in the Word—7-9pm: Rooms 202-205

Tuesday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 12

Sleepyheads Bible Study—7:15-8:15am: Rm 208
GiG Bible Study—9:30-11:30am
Ash Wednesday Service—6:30-7:15pm

Thursday, March 13

Men's Fraternity—6:45-8:00am

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

Pine Straw Fundraiser

Apostles Student Ministry's annual Pine Straw Fundraiser has begun! Delivery will take place Saturday, March 22. You can order online at: <http://apostles-raleigh.org/pinestraw-season/>

There are options for simply delivering the pine straw and also for delivering and spreading the pine straw. All proceeds benefit the Student Ministry's summer mission trip to Scioto, Ohio. *For questions or if you would like to help, contact kara@apostles-raleigh.org.*

Apostles Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School is June 23-27! Sign-Up today! <http://apostles-raleigh.org/vacation-bible-school/>

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 from Mark 2:1-12: Friends Help A Lame Man. The memory verse for March is 1 Chronicles 15:34.

March-April Mission Focus—We will be collecting First Aid supplies throughout the months of March and April for the Rwanda team to take with them this summer. Suggested items include band aids, gauze pads, ace bandages, antiseptic wipes, q-tips, disposable gloves, thermometers, antibiotic ointment, and burn cream.

Kids Time—The lesson this week is "Jesus heals the 10 lepers" Luke 17:11-19. The March memory verse is Matthew 12:34, "Out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks." Found on Seeds of Praise, track 6.

Sunday School—PreK-3rd grade Sunday School is studying the Parable of the Mustard Seed. 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. There is no Big Time this week. Our memory verse for March is Matthew 12:34, "Out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks." Found on Seeds of Praise, track 6.

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

Study of the books of 1 John, & Esther

Cost of \$10 for the notebook and study material.

If you would like to register, visit our website.

Contact Susan Blazier at susanblazier@yahoo.com

or 919-280-6302.

*childcare is full for this semester, but we will start registration for fall 2014 in late May.

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

11:30am | Begins again January 13

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 |

Begins again January 13

Contact Prissy Stufflebeam (prissy@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) | Begins Jan 14

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

The Ebenezer Blog

Have you checked out "The Ebenezer" lately?

"The Ebenezer" is the blog for Church of the Apostles where we highlight and share stories about how the Lord is working in and through the people and ministries of Church of the Apostles.

Here are a few helpful hints for the blog:

1. You can view the blog through our website

here: <http://apostles-raleigh.org/blog/>

2. "Like" our [Church of the Apostles Facebook](#)

[page](#) and the updates will show up in your Facebook news feed.

3. You can also type your email address into the field "Follow By Email" on the right side of the blog. Click on "Submit" next to it and you will receive email updates when we update the blog.

4. You can "bookmark" the page and visit it easily whenever you like.

5. Finally, as you hear accounts of how God is working in and through the lives of people and ministries at Apostles, let us know! We would love to share it with everyone. *Simply email blog@apostles-raleigh.org with the information.*

Apostles Student Ministry

March 9

Donut Hour - 10am

The DEAL - 11am Series on Hebrews 11!

Normal small groups will meet (check with small group leader!)

IT- 6-7pm at the church

Next HS - 6-7pm Check with small group leader for location!

"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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