

LIVING STONE WORSHIP
† Palm Sunday †
Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Everlasting God and Father, You sent Your Son to take our flesh upon Himself and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that, being inspired by His great humility and following His patient example, we may share in His victorious resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Palm Sunday Gospel

John 12:12-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Call to Worship

L: “Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.”
C: **“This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.”**
L: Today we join the crowds in Jerusalem, lifting our voices and our hearts—because our King is coming!
C: **“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”**
L: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”
C: **“This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.”**
L: “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!”
ALL: Save us, we pray, O Lord! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Opening Song

“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”

Verse 1

**Praise is rising, Eyes are turning to You;
We turn to You; Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You; We long for You;**

Pre-Chorus

**‘Cause when we see You,
We find strength to face the day;
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away, Washed away.**

Chorus

**Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises; Hosanna, hosanna,
Come have Your way among us;
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.**

Verse 2

**Hear the sound of Hearts returning to You;
We turn to You; In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new,
You make us new; Pre-Chorus**

Chorus

**‘Cause when we see You,
We find strength to face the day;
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away, (repeat)
Washed away.**

Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna.

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–9a

The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning He awakens; He awakens My ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened My ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave My back to those who strike, and My cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not My face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord GOD helps Me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates Me is near. Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near to Me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps Me; who will declare Me guilty?

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Song of the Day

“Hosanna”

Verse 1

I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire.
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.

Verse 2

I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin.
The people sing, the people sing

Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Verse 3

I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith.

Verse 4

I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek.
We're on our knees, We're on our knees.

Chorus

Bridge

Heal my heart and make it clean,
Open up my eyes to the things unseen.
Show me how to love like You have loved me.
Break my heart for what breaks Yours,
Everything I am, for Your Kingdom's cause.
As I walk from earth into eternity.

Chorus (2x)

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Sermon

“Hosanna”

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the † life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Offering

Offertory

“Innocent Redeemer (Ride On)”

Verse 1

Triumphant entry on a colt,
This man the prophets all foretold.
Open the gates, unlock the doors
For He will reign forevermore.
He has come, yes this is He.
All majestic Prince of Peace
Greater love knows none than this,
That God fulfills His covenants.

Chorus

So roll out the banners, sing ‘til your lungs hurt,
Clap your palms, the King is coming!
Savior of Saviors, Royal of Royals,
Our Messiah, Hope eternal.
Conqueror of sin and death,
Save us from our wickedness,
O Lord, how blessed is Your Son,
Innocent Redeemer, ride on, ride on.

Verse 2

The spotless, stainless Paschal Lamb,
Silent on the witness stand.
Humbled of His own accord,
Gall for drink and crowned in thorns.
And on the cross, He's lifted up,
Poured out His life to drink our cup.
Greater love knows none than this,
That washed our bloody hands from sin.

Chorus

Bridge

Hail the Christ, the Son of God
Who sacrificed Himself for us.
Whose sacrifice it saved our souls,
Even the grave can't hold Him, He arose.

Chorus

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Prayer of the Church

- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 18th wedding anniversary of James and Becky Blake (April 5).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the birth of Addison Charlie Zink, daughter of Kelsey & Dave Zink, granddaughter of Jay Parker (Feb. 25).

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Confession of Sins and Absolution

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- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19–23*
- C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Mark 14:22–24

Pax Domini – “Peace of the Lord”

John 20:19

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

John 1:29

Distribution

Songs

Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb,
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest,
Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions,
All powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.

Chorus 1

And the angels cry, "Holy."
All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high, Holy,
Holy forever.

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"Holy Forever"

Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've been
redeemed,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing, "Holy."
To the King of Kings, "Holy."
You will always be Holy,
Holy forever.

Pre-Chorus 2x

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

"KING OF KINGS"

1 In the darkness we were waiting,
without hope, without light,
Till from Heaven You came running.
There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets,
to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

2 To reveal the kingdom coming
and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering,
You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus, for our sake You died.

Chorus

3 And the morning that You rose
all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good,
for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs,
and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored.

4 And the Church of Christ was born,
then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old
shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name,
in His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me.

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings.
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

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Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
- C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

C Amen.

Closing Song

“The Wonderful Cross”

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or, thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name.

- 3 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an off'ring far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Chorus

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Special Services

The following services will be offered during Holy Week and Easter:

St. John Passion Vespers with the American Kantorei (March 31) – 7:30pm

Maundy Thursday* (April 17) – 10:00am, 7:00pm (sanctuary)

Good Friday (April 18) (sanctuary) – 12:05pm – 12:50pm (lunch hour service), 5:00pm, 7:00pm (Tenebrae)

April 19 (No Saturday sanctuary service)

Easter* (April 20) – 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am (sanctuary); 9:30am (Living Stone)

There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class on Easter Sunday.

*The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at all Maundy Thursday, and Easter services.

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