

# LIVING STONE WORSHIP

## ✠ Easter Sunday ✠

### Sunday, March 31, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

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#### Prayer Before Worship

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. In love You have given Your Son, Jesus Christ, into death for us and raised Him to life again; so raise us from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Prelude

**“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”**

#### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P This morning we join with the women who traveled to Jesus’ tomb on that first Easter morning.

C **It is here that they left the body of Jesus at sunset on Good Friday.**

P The gruesome details of the crucifixion are still fresh in their minds.

C **They expect to find nothing but the lifeless body of Jesus in the tomb.**

P They expect to do nothing more than finish the task of preparing His body for burial.

C **Their only question is “who will roll away the stone?”**

#### Song

**“Were You There”** LSB 456

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

#### Holy Gospel

*Mark 16:1–8*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Song

**“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”** *LSB 457*

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| 1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!<br>Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!<br>Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!<br>Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!                  | 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!<br>Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!<br>Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia!<br>Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! |
| 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!<br>Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!<br>Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!<br>Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! | 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!<br>Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!<br>Praise Him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!<br>Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!  |

## Confession of Sins and Absolution

*LSB, p. 151*

- 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 meditation and 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.
- C **Amen.**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P Let us pray.
- Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through 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 25:6–9*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a Man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Song

## “Crown Him (Majesty)”

1 Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heav’nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for me,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Chorus

**Majesty! Lord of all!**  
**Let ev’ry throne before Him fall!**  
**The King of kings,**  
**O come adore our God who reigns forevermore!**

2 Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o’er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died, eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.

Chorus

Bridge (*sing twice*)

**All hail, Redeemer, hail, For He has died for me!**  
**His praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity!**

Chorus

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## Children’s Message

## Song of the Day

## “Raise A Hallelujah”

Verse 1

**I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.**  
**I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief.**  
**I raise a hallelujah; my weapon is a melody.**  
**I raise a hallelujah; Heaven comes to fight for me.**

Chorus

**I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm.**  
**Louder and louder,**  
**you’re gonna hear my praises roar.**  
**Up from the ashes hope will arise.**  
**Death is defeated; the King is alive.**

Verse 2

**I raise a hallelujah with ev’rything inside of me.**  
**I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee.**  
**I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery.**  
**I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me.**

Chorus

Bridge

**Sing a little louder. Sing a little louder.**  
**Sing a little louder. Sing a little louder.**  
**Sing a little louder, in the presence of my enemies.**  
**Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief.**  
**Sing a little louder, my weapon is a melody.**  
**Sing a little louder, Heaven comes to fight for me.**  
**Sing a little louder!**

Chorus 2x

**I raise a hallelujah! I raise a hallelujah!**  
**I raise a hallelujah! I raise a hallelujah!**

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**Song of Response**

**“Resurrection Hymn”**

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| <p>1 See, what a morning, gloriously bright,<br/>With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;<br/>Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,<br/>As the angels announce Christ is risen!<br/>See God’s salvation plan, wrought in love,<br/>Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,<br/>Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives:<br/>Christ is risen from the dead!</p>        | <p>2 See Mary weeping, “Where is He laid?”<br/>As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;<br/>Hears a voice speaking; calling her name;<br/>It’s the Master, the Lord raised to life again!<br/>The voice that spans the years,<br/>Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,<br/>Will sound till He appears,<br/>For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!</p> |
| <p>3 One with the Father, Ancient of Days,<br/>Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,<br/>Honour and blessing, glory and praise<br/>To the King crowned with pow’r and authority!<br/>And we are raised with Him,<br/>Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;<br/>And we shall reign with Him,<br/>For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!</p> |   |

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**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.

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**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

### Song

### “O For a Thousand”

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.
- 2 If eloquence I could display  
And ev'ry language sing,  
A thousand words could never say  
The praise I have for Thee.

#### Chorus 1

Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah all praise to our God.

- 3 Before the throne we'll sing the song  
With saints from ev'ry age,  
With thousands times ten thousand strong  
We'll praise His holy name.

#### Chorus 2

Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah all praise to our God.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah all praise to our King.

- 4 A thousand years will be as one  
When face to face I see,  
The splendid beauty of the Son,  
The One who died for me.

#### Chorus 2

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### “O Praise Him”

- 1 Turn your ear to heaven  
And hear the noise inside;  
The sound of angel's awe,  
The sound of angel's songs,  
And all this for a King.  
We could join and sing  
All to Christ the King.

#### Pre-chorus 1

How constant how divine,  
This song of ours will rise.  
O, how constant how divine,  
This love of ours will rise, will rise.

#### Chorus 1

O, praise Him, O, praise Him;  
He is holy, He is holy.

- 2 Turn your gaze to heaven  
And raise a joyous noise;  
The sound of salvation come,  
The sound of rescued ones,  
And all this for a King.  
Angels join to sing  
All for Christ the King.

#### Chorus 1 (2 times)

#### Pre-chorus 2

How infinite and sweet  
This love so rescuing.  
O, how infinitely sweet,  
This great love that has redeemed;  
As one we sing.

#### Chorus 2 (3 times)

Alleluia, alleluia.  
He is holy, He is holy.

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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.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Closing Song

### **“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”**

*LSB 461, sts. 1, 2, 7, and 8*

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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**Preacher**  
**Presiding Minister**  
**Instrumentalists**

**Pastor Wade**  
**Pastor Thompson**  
**Mike Peper, guitar**  
**Mark Stoddard, bass**  
**Mark Yaeger, piano**

**Sound**

**Whitney Wade, Amory Richards, Kara Mackenzie, Jonny Thompson, vocals**

**Darren Meyer**

**We rejoice in the following baptism in the sanctuary this weekend!**

**✠ Mia Hernandez Diaz ✠**

**Daughter of Briseida Diaz Caporal**

**Sponsors Juana Andrea Hernandez Bello and Fernando Sustaita Montenongo**

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