

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

† Second Sunday of Easter †

Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Risen and ascended Lord, You are alive forevermore. Increase our faith and inspire our witness. Fill Your Church with the power of Your resurrection to labor faithfully in joy until every tongue confesses, “My Lord and my God”; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

Opening Song

“House of the Lord”

Verse 1

We worship the God who was.
We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors.
He parted the raging sea.
Our God, He holds the victory, yeah.

Chorus

There’s joy in the house of the Lord.
There’s joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won’t be quiet. We shout out Your praise.
There’s joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won’t be quiet. We shout out Your praise.
We shout out Your praise.

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals.
We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
’Cause He hung up on that cross
then He rose up from that grave.
My God’s still rolling stones away.

Chorus

Bridge

We were the beggars. Now we’re royalty.
We were the prisoners. Now we’re running free.
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise. (repeat)

Chorus 2x

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Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

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.**
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 In Holy Baptism, we were united in the Body of Christ, the Church. He continually asks the Father that “the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” He gave His life so that nothing shall separate us from the uniting love of God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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 & Prayer of the Day

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Acts 4:32-35

The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm

Psalms 148

P Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

C **praise Him in the heights!**

P Praise Him, all His angels;

C **praise Him, all His hosts!**

P Praise Him, sun and moon,

C **praise Him, all you shining stars!**

P Praise Him, you highest heavens,

C **and you waters above the heavens!**

P Let them praise the name of the LORD!

C **For He commanded and they were created.**

P And He established them forever and ever;

C **He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

P Praise the LORD from the earth,

C **you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

P fire and hail, snow and mist,

C **stormy wind fulfilling His word!**

P Mountains and all hills,

C **fruit trees and all cedars!**

P Beasts and all livestock,

C **creeping things and flying birds!**

P Kings of the earth and all peoples,

C **princes and all rulers of the earth!**

P Young men and maidens together,

C **old men and children!**

P Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted;

C **His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

P He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints,
C **for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the LORD!**

All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Reading

1 John 1:1—2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe.”

Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Song of the Day

“Great Things”

Verse 1

Come, let us worship our King.
Come, let us bow at His feet.
He has done great things.
See what our Savior has done,
See how His love overcomes.
He has done great things.
He has done great things.

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave.
You free every captive and break every chain.
O God, You have done great things.
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.
O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high.
O God, You have done great things.

Verse 2

You've been faithful through every storm.
You'll be faithful forevermore.
You have done great things.
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is Yes and Amen.
You will do great things. God, You do great things.

Chorus

Bridge

Hallelujah, God above it all!
Hallelujah, God unshakable!
Hallelujah, You have done great things! (REPEAT)

You've done great things!

Chorus

You have done great things.
O, God You do great things

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Sermon

“Peace Be With You”

Song of Response

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

- 1 All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam;
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along, O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice; Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, three in One.
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O alleluia! Alleluia! O alleluia! Alleluia! O alleluia! Alleluia! O alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Offering

Offertory Song

“Honey in the Rock”

Chorus 1

There's honey in the rock, water in the stone,
Manna on the ground, no matter where I go.
I don't need to worry now that I know,
Everything I need You've got,
There's honey in the rock.

Verse 1

Praying for a miracle, thirsty for the Living Well;
Only You can satisfy.
Sweetness at the mercy seat.
Now I've tasted, it's not hard to see,
Only You can satisfy.

Chorus 2

There's honey in the rock. (4X)

Verse 2

Freedom where the Spirit is,
Bounty in the wilderness; You will always satisfy.

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

There's honey in the rock, purpose in Your plan,
Power in the blood, healing in Your hands.
Started flowing when You said it is done.
Everything You did's enough.

Bridge

I keep looking, I keep finding.
You keep giving, keep providing I have all that I need.
You are all that I need.
I keep praying, You keep moving, I keep praising.
You keep proving I have all that I need.
You are all that I need. (repeat)
I have all that I need. You are all that I need, yeah.

Chorus 3

There's honey in the rock, water in the stone,
Manna on the ground, no matter where I go.
I don't need to worry now that I know,
Everything I need You've got,
There's honey in the rock, purpose in Your plan,
Power in the blood, healing in Your hands.
Started flowing when You said it is done.
Jesus, who You are is enough.
There's honey in the rock. There's honey in the rock.
There's honey in the rock.

Ending

Oh, how sweet, how sweet it is to trust in You, Jesus.
Oh, how sweet, how sweet it is to trust in You, Jesus.
Oh, how sweet, how sweet it is to trust in You, Jesus.

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Prayer of the Church

- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 16th wedding anniversary of James and Becky Blake. (April 5)
- ✠ All who mourn the death of Roy Lewis, father of Rob Lewis.
- ✠ All who mourn the death of Joan Kohlmeier.
- ✠ Thomas Banks who is hospitalized.
- ✠ Cindy Handy recovering from surgery.

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.

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

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Verse 1

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

Verse 2

**Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You’ve done for
me.**

Verse 3

**Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.**

Verse 4

**Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

Chorus

Bridge

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy, worthy, worthy!**

Chorus

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