

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

† Seventh Sunday of Easter †

Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Almighty Father, Your Son prayed for His disciples to remain one, as You and He are one. Keep Your Church bound together in love and obedience to You, so that the world may believe in Him whom You have sent, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 68:1-10

L God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate Him shall flee before Him!

C But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

L Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts.

C His name is the Lord; exult before Him!

L Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation.

C God settles the solitary in a home; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity.

L O God, when You went out before Your people, when You marched through the wilderness—

ALL The earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the God of Israel.

L The God who goes before us, provides for us, and reigns in power—this is our God.

Opening Song

“Our God”

Water You turned into wine,
Opened the eyes of the blind;
There’s no one like You, None like You.

Into the darkness You shine,
Out of the ashes we rise;
There’s no one like You, None like You.

Chorus

**Our God is greater, Our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, awesome in power,
Our God, our God.**

Into the darkness You shine,
Out of the ashes we rise;
There’s no one like You, None like You. Chorus

Bridge

**And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
(Then) what could stand against?**

Chorus 2x

Bridge

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P Let us pray.
O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May His camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it"; and "Let another take His office."

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen to take the place in this ministry

and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

“On Eagles Wings”

Clayton Claus, piano

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . .

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 17:1–11

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

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

When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave Me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.

“I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. For I have given them the words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one.”

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Song of the Day

“Christ Be Magnified”

Verse 1

Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry,
Then from north to south and east to west
We'd hear Christ be magnified.

Verse 2

Were the whole earth echoing His eminence,
His name would burst from sea and sky.
From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear Christ be magnified.

Chorus

O Christ be magnified, let His praise arise.
Christ be magnified in me.
O Christ be magnified, from the altar of my life.
Christ be magnified in me.

Verse 3

When ev'ry creature finds its inmost melody
And ev'ry human heart its native cry.
O then in one enraptured hymn of praise
We'll sing Christ be magnified.

Chorus

Bridge

I won't bow to idols,
I'll stand strong and worship You.
If it puts me in the fire.
I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too
I won't be formed by feelings,
I hold fast to what is true.
If the cross brings transformation,
Then I'll be crucified with You
'Cause death is just the doorway
into resurrection life.
If I join You in Your suff'rings,
then I'll join You when You rise
And when You return in glory
with all the angels and the saints.
My heart will still be singing,
my song will be the same.

Chorus 2x

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Sermon

“Work While We Wait”

Song of Response

“Build My Life”

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. We live for You.

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. We live for You.

Chorus

Holy, there is no one like You.
There is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder,
and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart.
And lead me in Your love to those around me.

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. We live for You.

Chorus

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love.
It is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone.
And I will not be shaken. (repeat)

Chorus

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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.

Children's Message

Offering

The offertory is an important time to reflect with thanksgiving on the many blessings God has given us.

Offertory

1 When the music fades, all is stripped away,
And I simply come;
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart.

Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself
is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.

"Heart of Worship"

Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

2 King of endless worth, no one could express
How much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours,
Ev'ry single breath.

Pre-Chorus/Chorus

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Prayer of the Church

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.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Numbers 6:24–26

Closing Song

“Battle Belongs”

Verse 1

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory.
When all I see is a mountain,
You see a mountain moved.
And as I walk through the shadow,
Your love surrounds me.
There's nothing to fear now,
For I am safe with You.

Chorus

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high,
O God, the battle belongs to You.
And every fear I lay at Your feet,
I'll sing through the night,
O God, the battle belongs to You.

Verse 2

And if You are for me who can be against me?
For, Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You.
When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty.
When all I see is a cross,
God, You see the empty tomb.

Chorus

Bridge

An Almighty Fortress, You go before us.
Nothing can stand against the power of our God.
You shine in the shadows, You win every battle.
Nothing can stand against the power of our God.
(3x)

Chorus

O God, the battle belongs to You.

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Sound

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