



MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

February 24, 2021 - 6:30PM

AS WE GATHER: *Rolling Stones* - Drawing on the rich imagery of rocks and stones in Scripture, this Lenten sermon series centers around the compelling metaphor of stones. These metaphors illustrate God's will for our lives and our failure to trust, follow and obey Him in all things. These stones show us our sins and our need for a Savior, Jesus, the Rock of our Salvation. Join us this Lenten season as we journey to the Cross of Christ and the forgiveness that He won for us. This series begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and continues Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during Lent.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #453, vs. 1-5 *"Upon the Cross Extended"*

- 1 Upon the cross extended
 See, world, your Lord suspended.
 Your Savior yields His breath.
 The Prince of Life from heaven
 Himself has freely given
 To shame and blows and bitter death.

- 2 Come, see these things and ponder,
 Your soul will fill with wonder
 As blood streams from each pore.
 Through grief beyond all knowing
 From His great heart came flowing
 Sighs welling from its deepest core.

- 3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You?
 Who has so sore abused You
 And caused You all Your woe?
 We all must make confession
 Of sin and dire transgression
 While You no ways of evil know.

4 I caused Your grief and sighing
By evils multiplying
As countless as the sands.
I caused the woes unnumbered
With which Your soul is cumbered,
Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.

5 Your soul in griefs unbounded,
Your head with thorns surrounded,
You died to ransom me.
The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing,
You healed my wounds and set me free.

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips.
People: **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
People: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour
of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all
that we need for body and life. Bless us who have
gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak
to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort
of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks
and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior,
who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

CANTICLE #609, vs. 1,2,4 *“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”*

1 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin’s delusions live
And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

2 We deserve but grief and shame,
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

4 I, a sinner, come to Thee
With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

THE LITANY OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and
of one another.

People: We confess to you, Merciful Father,
**That we have sinned against You in our
thoughts, our words and our actions.**

Pastor: We confess to you, Jesus, our Savior,

People: **That we have attempted to cover up our sins
and hide them from You.**

Pastor: We confess to you, Spirit Comforter,

People: **That we deserve to suffer the consequences of
our sins against You.**

Pastor: O Lord,

People: **Have mercy.**

Pastor: O Christ,

People: **Have mercy.**

Pastor: O Lord,

People: **Have mercy. Amen.**

(Time for silent reflection and confession)

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy
upon us and has given His only Son to die for us
and for His sake forgives us all our 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.

People: **Amen.**

CANTICLE #609, vs. 5,6,7

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 3:48-52

That very day the LORD spoke to Moses, ⁴⁹“Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, opposite Jericho, and view the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel for a possession. ⁵⁰And die on the mountain which you go up, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor and was gathered to his people, ⁵¹because you broke faith with me in the midst of the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, and because you did not treat me as holy in the midst of the people of Israel. ⁵²For you shall see the land before you, but you shall not go there, into the land that I am giving to the people of Israel.”

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Joshua 7:19-26

¹⁹Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the LORD God of Israel and give praise to him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me.” ²⁰And Achan answered Joshua, “Truly I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I did: ²¹when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And

see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”

²²So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was hidden in his tent with the silver underneath.

²³And they took them out of the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the people of Israel. And they laid them down before the LORD. ²⁴And Joshua and all Israel with him took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver and the cloak and the bar of gold, and his sons and daughters and his oxen and donkeys and sheep and his tent and all that he had. And they brought them up to the Valley of Achor. ²⁵And Joshua said, “Why did you bring trouble on us? The LORD brings trouble on you today.” And all Israel stoned him with stones. They burned them with fire and stoned them with stones. ²⁶And they raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. Then the LORD turned from his burning anger. Therefore, to this day the name of that place is called the Valley of Achor.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION “Rolling Stones - Consequences”
Pastor Seth Flick

HYMN #421 “Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing”

- 1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing
 In Your holy wounds I find,
 Ev’ry hour that I am feeling
 Pains of body and of mind.
 Should some evil thought within
 Tempt my treach’rous heart to sin,
 Show the peril, and from sinning
 Keep me from its first beginning.

- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation
 Fascinate my sinful mind,
 Draw me to Your cross and passion,
 And new courage I shall find.
 Or should Satan press me hard,
 Let me then be on my guard,
 Saying, “Christ for me was wounded,”
 That the tempter flee confounded.

3 If the world my heart entices
 With the broad and easy road,
 With seductive, sinful vices,
 Let me weigh the awful load
 You were willing to endure.
 Help me flee all thoughts impure
 And to master each temptation,
 Calm in prayer and meditation.

4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me
 By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
 When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,
 Granting new life to my soul.
 Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
 Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
 For Your all-atoning passion
 Has procured my soul's salvation.

5 O my God, my rock and tower,
 Grant that in Your death I trust,
 Knowing death has lost its power
 Since You crushed it in the dust.
 Savior, let Your agony
 Ever help and comfort me;
 When I die be my protection,
 Light and life and resurrection.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

LITANY

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church here and around the world, and people everywhere in their various needs.

For everyone weighed down by their bondage to sin and an inability to stop sinning by thought, word, and deed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **For the sake of Christ's sacrifice, heavenly Father, open their ears to hear the Gospel anew; free them to live before You in Your kingdom.**

Pastor: For everyone who has fallen prey to society's distorted morality, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **For the sake of Christ's sacrifice, heavenly Father, surround them with faithful and caring members of the Body of Christ; call them back in repentance and hope.**

Pastor: For those who keep the peace at home or are deployed abroad, for those who provide care and guidance in relationships, finances, and health, and for those who respond to natural disasters and crises of various sorts, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **For the sake of Christ's sacrifice, heavenly Father, accompany them with Your Holy Spirit; protect them from harm, and give them wisdom in all circumstances.**

Pastor: For ourselves and the Church around the world as we seek to live according to Your will, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **For the sake of Christ's sacrifice, heavenly Father, assure us that we are Your redeemed children; forgive our errors, and send us to serve in faithfulness and love.**

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

CLOSING LENTEN COLLECT

Pastor: Dear Father in heaven, who having created us knows well our frailties, purify our motives for all our works, that they proceed from faith in Christ, our Redeemer, and be done because we love You above all else; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

CLOSING CANTICLE

#524

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
And drives away our fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul
And to the weary, rest.

3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.

4 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

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