



PALM SUNDAY
March 28, 2021

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GREETING

(Please stand and face the processional cross at the rear of the sanctuary.)

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

People: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Pastor: Who is this King of Glory?

People: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

People: that the King of Glory may come in.

Pastor: Who is this King of Glory?

People: The Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory!

Pastor: Hosanna to the Son of David.
People: Hosanna in the highest!

PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

Luke 19:29-40

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the
nineteenth chapter
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

PROCESSIONAL SONG

#442, vs. 1,4,5

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the King of Israel
And David’s royal Son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming,
Our King and Blessèd One. Refrain

4 To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. Refrain

5 As You received their praises,
 Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
 Our good and gracious King. Refrain

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of
 the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We cannot come closer to God as we are. It is only
 through the gracious forgiveness Christ won for us
 that we are considered righteous under God's
 Law. Let us confess our sins, pleading, "Lord, have
 mercy" and "Save us, O Lord." Blessed Lord,

People: **We confess to You that we are born sinful and
 both by nature and choice have turned away
 from You. We have enthroned self-interest and
 pride as our kings, and they have ruled us as
 tyrants. We have failed to acknowledge Your
 rightful lordship in our lives and in society.
 Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by the power of
 the Holy Spirit turn our hearts this day to
 worship and follow Jesus, the one true King.**

Pastor: The King has won your freedom. 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.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem,
 with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your
 dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy
 City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King
 and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet
 Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow
 Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through

the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

ANTHEM "Hosanna, Hosanna!" (Patti Drennan)
Madison Sitzman, soloist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "A Rock Concert" Miss Heidi

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zechariah 9:9-12

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with
you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Philippians 2:5-11*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Rolling Stones: Hypocrisy”
Pastor Adam Wolfe

HYMN OF THE DAY #444 “No Tramp of Soldiers Marching Feet”

- 1 No tramp of soldiers’ marching feet
 With banners and with drums,
 No sound of music’s martial beat:
 “The King of glory comes!”
 To greet what pomp of kingly pride
 No bells in triumph ring,
 No city gates swing open wide:
 “Behold, behold your King!”

- 2 And yet He comes. The children cheer;
 With palms His path is strown.
 With ev’ry step the cross draws near:
 The King of glory’s throne.
 Astride a colt He passes by
 As loud hosannas ring,
 Or else the very stones would cry
 “Behold, behold your King!”

- 3 What fading flow’rs His road adorn;
 The palms, how soon laid down!
 No bloom or leaf but only thorn
 The King of glory’s crown.
 The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,
 The streets with tumult ring,
 As Pilate to the mob replies,
 “Behold, behold your King!”

- 4 Now He who bore for mortals’ sake
 The cross and all its pains
 And chose a servant’s form to take,
 The King of glory reigns.
 Hosanna to the Savior’s name
 Till heaven’s rafters ring,
 And all the ransomed host proclaim
 “Behold, behold your King!”

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APOSTLES’ CREED

**All: 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIME OF THANKSGIVING

- Executive Pastor Call meeting to Vote on our next Senior Pastor will be on April 18 at 11:45am, in the school gymnasium
- Mission Haiti Update and reminder that Easter Sunday is the last day to donate for shoes.
- HOLY WEEK Maundy Thursday Worship Thurs., April 1 6:30 PM (Sanctuary) (Live streamed)
 - Good Friday Worship Fri., April 2
 - 1 PM (Sanctuary) (Live streamed)
 - 6 PM "A Tenebrae Service" (Sanctuary)
 - 7 PM "The Final Stone" (Gym)
 - Easter Sunday Worship — "Roll The Stone" Sun., April 4. Pews will not be roped off anymore as of Easter. The Fellowship Hall will be used as extra space if someone wants to socially distance.
 - 8 & 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)
 - 9:15 & 10:45 AM (Gym)
 - Easter Breakfast 8:30-10:30 AM (To-go Style) Please grab a paper egg off the Cross in the Narthex or Cafeteria and donate as you can.

OFFERTORY #443

"Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!"

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

Hosanna in the highest that ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n, our King!
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice;
And in His blissful presence, eternally rejoice!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: The Father demonstrated His great love for us in sending His Son to be our Savior. This same

heavenly Father invites us to come to Him in prayer, and so in prayer we cry out,
People: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Saving Lord, this Holy Week, may we remember anew the events of the first Holy Week, rejoicing in the forgiveness that Your Son won for us on the cross. In prayer we cry out,

People: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Almighty God, grant strength and courage to those who proclaim Your name in places where the Gospel of Jesus is actively opposed. Keep them steadfast in Your Word even in the midst of persecution that Your Church may grow and be blessed. In prayer we cry out,

People: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: All powerful Lord, we thank You for the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces of our land. Watch over them in their duties and grant Your mighty arm of protection over them in their calling. In prayer we cry out,

People: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: O Lord, grant healing and peace to all those who are sick in body, mind or soul. Comfort those who are grieving and in distress. Bless them with the knowledge that you indeed are the Lord who saves us. In prayer we cry out,

People: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Hear our prayers for the sake of our Savior, who suffered and died that we might have life.

People: **Hosanna! 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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

People: that the King of glory may come in.

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

People: The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #441 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

(Please turn and face the cross as it exits the sanctuary.)

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
 O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
 With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die.
 O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
 O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 The angel armies of the sky
 Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
 To see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
 The Father on His sapphire throne
 Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die.
 Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
 Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

Lay Readers:

8:00AM: John Uttech

10:30AM: David Bahr

Acolytes:

8:00AM:

10:30AM: Grace Kaczmarek

Crucifers:

8:00AM:

10:30AM: Noah Garlock

Sound:

8:00AM: Pat Klug

10:30AM: Amelia Sitzberger

Elders:

8:00AM: Paul Ewan

10:30AM: Brad Baker