



**CONTRAST 6)  
OF EXALTATION AND  
HUMILITY**

*Palm Sunday*

*April 5, 2020*

*At home service for during pandemic  
(Phone Screen Version)*

- **Greetings!**

- May the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace and joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.

- Download each Sunday's service at Rock of Ages on Saturday night or on Sunday morning to hold an in-home service with your family.

[RockOfAges-Payson.com](https://www.rockofages-payson.com)

- Follow another WELS ministry live online:

<https://yearbook.wels.net/streaming>

- The Church is not a building,

but the people. And Jesus promises his loving presences whenever any number gathers, "Wherever two or three gather together in my name there I am with them." (Mt 18:20)

- Regular Bible classes will resume after cautionary measures are lifted. [A new online Bible study series](#) is on our website.
- We are part of a world-wide Christian ministry and support the gospel ministry of the WELS. We'd love to share more with you. You can also visit [wels.net](http://wels.net)





# Morning Praise

*Morning Praise is based on the historic service called "Matins." Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day.*

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## Greeting for Palm Sunday

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the

solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Lord, open my lips.

**And my mouth shall declare  
your praise.**

# Hymn [All Glory Laud, and Honor](#)

*Christian Worship 131:1-2*

*At home options: for each hymn you may click on the title in the pdf file. It will open a link to play the audio. You may also speak the words.*

**♪ 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 blessed one. -Refrain**

**2. The company of angels is praising you on high,  
And we with all creation in chorus make reply. -Refrain**

**First Reading** Zechariah  
9:9-10

*The King brings joy as he humbly comes to bring peace to all nations.*

Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion!  
Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look!  
Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea,

from the River to the ends of the earth.

# Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and everything that fills it,  
**the world and all who live in it,**

<sup>2</sup>because he founded it on the seas,  
**and he established it on the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who may go up to the mountain of the Lord?  
Who may stand in his holy place?



**<sup>4</sup>He who has clean hands and a  
pure heart,  
whose soul is not set on what is  
false,  
who does not swear deceitfully.**

<sup>5</sup>He will receive blessing from  
the Lord  
and righteousness from the God  
who saves him.

**<sup>6</sup>Such are the people of Jacob  
who look for the Lord,  
who seek your face.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, you gates.  
Lift yourselves up, you ancient  
doors,  
**and the King of Glory will come  
in.**

## **<sup>8</sup>Who is this King of Glory?**

The Lord strong and mighty, the  
Lord mighty in battle.

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, you gates.

Lift up, you ancient doors,

**and the King of Glory will come  
in.**

## **<sup>10</sup>Who is he, this King of Glory?**

The Lord of Armies—he is the  
King of Glory.

# **Second Reading**

Philippians 2:5-11

*Paul contrast the state of  
humiliation of Christ with his  
state of exaltation.*

Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. <sup>6</sup>Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, <sup>7</sup>but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **Children's Message**

*Please share the name and email of a friend who might like to receive spiritual encouragement pictures from the Rock of Ages children this week.*

## **Gospel**

Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>telling them, "Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup>Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and

riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>And the crowds were saying, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

# Seasonal Response

We all like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**By his wounds we are healed.**

## Hymn of the Day

### Be Still, My Soul

*Christian Worship 415:1,4*

**1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is  
on your side;**

**Bear patiently the cross of grief  
or pain;**

**Leave to your God to order and  
provide;**

**In ev'ry change he faithful will  
remain.**

**Be still, my soul; your best, your**

**heav'nly friend**

**Through thorny ways leads to a  
joyful end.**

**4. Be still, my soul; the hour is  
hast'ning on**

**When we shall be forever with  
the Lord,**

**When disappointment, grief,  
and fear are gone,**

**Sorrow forgot, love's purest  
joys restored.**

**Be still, my soul; when change  
and tears are past,**

**All safe and blessed we shall  
meet at last.**

# Sermon

## Philippians 2:5-11

*At home option: the Sermon will be at [RockofAge-Payson.com/sermons](http://RockofAge-Payson.com/sermons) each Sunday morning for you to watch, listen, or read.*

## Contrasts of...

Mar. 1 (Ro. 5:12-19)... Adam and Christ

Mar. 8 (Ro. 4:1-5,13-17) ..Works and Faith

Mar. 15 (Eph. 5:8-14)...Darkness and Light

Mar. 22 (Ro. 8:1-10)... Old Self and New Self

Mar. 29 (Ro. 8:11-19).....Death and Life

**April 5 (Ph. 2:5-11)... Exaltation and Humility**





# Confession of Faith

We Praise You, God *Te Deum  
Laudamus*

We praise you, O God, we  
acclaim you as Lord;  
**all creation worships you,  
Father everlasting.**

To you all angels, all the powers  
of heaven, cherubim and  
seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of  
heavenly hosts, heaven and  
earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of  
apostles praise you.

## **The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

The white robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

**Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

**When you became man to set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin.**

You overcame the sting of death **and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

You sit at the right hand of God  
in the glory of the Father.

**We believe that you will come  
to be our judge.**

Come then, Lord, and help your  
people, bought with the price of  
your own blood,

**and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting. Amen.**

## **Offerings Gathered**

*Moved by God's love in Christ,  
we offer him our first and best  
gifts, purely out of thanks to  
him. Our offerings go to support  
the gospel ministry of our  
congregation and our national  
church body, the Wisconsin*

*Evangelical Lutheran Synod.  
Today our offerings will be  
gathered at the door on your  
way out.*

*At home option: If you are  
worshipping at home for a time  
due to caution against the  
spread of illness please  
remember to continue to  
support our ministry. Offerings  
can be mailed to Rock of Ages  
Lutheran 204 W. Airport Rd.  
Payson, AZ 85541*

## **Lord, Have Mercy** *Kyrie*

In the morning, O Lord, I call to  
you; be merciful to me and  
hear my prayer.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have  
mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

# Lord's Prayer

**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.**

# Prayer of the Day

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you

redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Special Prayers**

*Special prayers are spoken concluding with ...through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.*

**Amen**

## **Hymn**

[All Glory Laud, and Honor](#)

*Christian Worship 131:4-5*

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**♪ All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring**

**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*

## **Prayer for Grace**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Closing Doxology** *Jude*

*24-25*



To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault, and with great joy, to the only God, our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority through Jesus Christ, our Lord before all ages, now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

## **Hymn**

### Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

*Christian Worship 321*

**1 Savior, again to thy dear name we raise**

**With one accord our parting hymn of praise.**

**Once more we bless thee ere  
our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending, wait thy  
word of peace.**

**2 Grant us thy peace upon our  
homeward way;  
With thee began, with thee  
shall end the day.**

**Guard thou the lips from sin,  
the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called  
upon thy name.**

**3 Grant us thy peace, Lord,  
through the coming night;  
Turn thou for us its darkness  
into light.**

**From harm and danger keep**

**thy people free,  
For dark and light are both  
alike to thee.**

**4 Grant us thy peace  
throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow and our  
stay in strife.**

**Then, when thy voice shall bid  
our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal  
peace.**

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## **NEWS &**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Remember with Prayer**

- The family and friends of Jim Strong, who was called home to glory early last Sunday morning; thanks to God for brining Jim to know his Savior and to trust in him for forgiveness and eternal life; that God would bring comfort to all who grieve with the sure hope of the resurrection.

### **Attendance**

3/29 Small Group Services 24

## **Joining us from home:**

Total sermon & Bible study video views this past week: 105

*\*audio plays and text downloads are not tracked.*

**Received in March: \$11,921.96**

## **CALENDAR**

*rockofages-payson.com/calendar*

There are many fluid changes to our calendar as we strive to comply as far as possible with health and government recommendations during the pandemic. Currently all gatherings have been suspended for April. [Please visit the website for the latest updates.](#)



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