



**CONTRAST 6)
OF EXALTATION AND HUMILITY**

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

At home service for during pandemic

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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](https://www.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.

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. ¹⁰I 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,

²because he founded it on the seas,
and he established it on the rivers.

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

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

⁵He will receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God who saves him.

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

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

⁸**Who is this King of Glory?**

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

⁹Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift up, you ancient doors,
and the King of Glory will come in.

¹⁰Who 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. ⁶Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷but 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, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and 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, ²telling 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹The 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!

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹And 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 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 acclaim 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.](#)

Evening Special Events

Join us all this evening for a Palm Sunday Message from WELS President Mark Schroeder: <https://wels.net/event/palm-sunday-message/>

Join us for a synod-wide Easter Sunday evening worship service. This is not intended to replace your Easter morning worship with your congregation, but to supplement it. This will be an opportunity for our entire synod to gather online for a special Easter Sunday evening service to be broadcast from our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at 6 p.m. Central. <https://wels.net/event/easter-sunday-together-at-the-empty-tomb/>



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