

# WHAT DO WE DO WHEN OUR *PLANS* FALL THROUGH?



A SERIES FOR THE EASTER SEASON

**OUR PLANS FALL THROUGH  
1) WHEN WE'RE LOCKED IN A ROOM**

*Second Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2020*

*At home & parking lot service for during  
pandemic*

*(download audio of service for at  
home)*



*204 W Airport Rd. Payson, AZ 85541*

*RockOfAges-Payson.com*

We pray this alternative method of gathering encourages you and gives you opportunity to encourage others during this time.

Please keep your radio tuned to **91.1 FM**. Or [download the service audio](#) from the website above.

The church doors will be unlocked for those who might need to use the restroom.

Try to park close to the church doors. If during the preservice you find you are having trouble hearing the broadcast, please text or call pastor Barthel at 928-612-8463.

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.*

---

## Greeting

## Hymn

Morning Breaks upon the Tomb

*Christian Worship 159*

*Led by the children at Rock of Ages*

**♪ Morning breaks upon the tomb;  
Jesus scatters all its gloom.  
Day of triumph through the skies,  
See the glorious Savior rise.**

**2 You who are of death afraid,  
Triumph in the scattered shade.  
Drive your anxious cares away;  
See the place where Jesus lay.**

**3 Christian, dry your flowing tears;  
Chase your unbelieving fears.  
Look on his deserted grave;  
Doubt no more his pow'r to save.**

# **The Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+)  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# **Confession & Absolution**

You who are loved by the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what**

**is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

God our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# **Response of Praise**

O Lord, open my lips.

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

Hasten to save me, O God.

**O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

♪ The Lord is risen, let us worship him!

# Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today  
*Christian Worship 157:2,4*

**2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
Alleluia!**

**Unto Christ, our heav'nly King,  
Alleluia!**

**Who endured the cross and grave,  
Alleluia!**

**Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!**

**Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!**

**Praise him, all you heav'nly host,  
Alleluia!**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

# First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

*The apostle's served as eyewitnesses of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.*

Then Peter began to speak: "Now I really am beginning to understand that God does not show favoritism,<sup>35</sup> but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

<sup>36</sup>He sent his word to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup>"You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached.

<sup>38</sup>God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup>"Indeed, we are witnesses of all the things he did in the country of the Jews



and in Jerusalem, yet they killed him by hanging him on a cross. <sup>40</sup>But God raised him on the third day and caused him to be seen, <sup>41</sup>not by all the people, but by the witnesses God had already chosen—by us, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify solemnly that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that, through his name, everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins.”

## **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 16

*The congregation is invited to join in the refrain.*

**♪ I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.**

Guard me, O God, for I take refuge in you.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord.

I have no good apart from you."

The holy ones who are in the land are glorious.

All my delight is in them.

Those who chase after another god will increase their sorrows.

I will not pour out their drink offerings of blood.

I will not take up their names on my lips.

**♪ I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.**

LORD, you are the cup that has been given to me.

You have secured an allotment for me.

The property lines chosen for me fall in pleasant places.

Yes, a delightful inheritance is mine.  
I will bless the LORD, who guides me.  
Even at night my heart instructs me.  
I have set the LORD always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand, I will not  
be shaken.

**♪ I will praise your name forever, my  
King and my God.**

Therefore my heart is glad,  
and my whole being rejoices.  
Even my flesh will dwell securely  
because you will not abandon my life to  
the grave.  
You will not let your favored one see  
decay.  
You have made known to me the path of  
life,  
fullness of joy in your presence,  
pleasures at your right hand forever.

♪ I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.

# Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9

*Jesus' resurrection gives us a living hope of eternal life even through all our trials*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>into an inheritance that is undying, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. <sup>5</sup>Through faith you are being protected by God's power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time.

<sup>6</sup>Because of this you rejoice very much, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by

various kinds of trials <sup>7</sup>so that the proven character of your faith—which is more valuable than gold, which passes away even though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

<sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, yet by believing in him, you are filled with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## **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

John 20:19-31

*Jesus graciously appears to comfort his fearful and doubting disciples.*

As he went along, On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." <sup>22</sup>After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven.

Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup>After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe."

<sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup>Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## **Seasonal Response**

The Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**Alleluia!**

## **Hymn**



O Sons and Daughters of the King  
*Christian Worship 165:1-4*

**1 O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2 On that first morning of the week,  
Before the day began to break,  
The Marys went their Lord to seek.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**3 An angel bade their sorrow flee,  
For thus he spoke unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

4 That night th' apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their Lord most dear  
And said: "Peace be unto you here."  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Sermon

John 20:19-31

**WHEN OUR  
PLANS  
FALL THROUGH**



**“What Do We Do When  
Our Plans Fall Through?”**

Apr 19:

When we're locked in a room. (Jn  
20:19-31)

Apr 26:

When all we can do is go for a walk.

*(Lk 24:13-35)*

May 3:

When we don't want to listen. *(Jn*

*10:1-10)*

May 10:

When our hearts are troubled. *(Jn*

*14:1-12)*

May 17:

When we're feeling isolated and

alone. *(Jn 14:15-21)*

May 24:

When our minds don't understand  
God's plans. (*Lk 24:44-53*)

# Hymn

O Sons and Daughters of the King  
*Christian Worship 165:5-9*

**5 When Thomas afterwards had heard  
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,  
He doubted if it were the Lord.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,  
"My hands, my feet, my body see;  
And doubt not, but believe in me."  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**8 Blessed are they that have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant  
been;**

**In life eternal they shall reign.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**9 On this most holy day of days**

**To God your hearts and voices raise**

**In laud and jubilee and praise.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Confession of Faith**

We Praise You, O 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.*

*You can drop off your offering by the front doors today anytime before, during, or after the service.*

*If worshiping from home you may also mail your offering to Rock of Ages at 204 W. Airport Rd. Payson, Arizona 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

Risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Special Prayers

*This week we pray regarding the death of Chuck Tyrell. Thanks to God for calling him to faith in Christ and delivering him to glory. We pray God will comfort all who grieve with the sure hope of the resurrection.*

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

**Amen**

## **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.**

## **Closing Doxology**

*Jude 24-25*

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

To God Be the Glory

*Led by Branches Band*

**1. To God be the glory; great things he has done!**

**He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,**

**Who yielded his life an atonement for sin**

**And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus  
the Son  
And give him the glory -- great things  
he has done!**

*"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet  
believe."*

*Each service folder and audio can be  
found here: [RockofAges-Payson.com](http://RockofAges-Payson.com)*

# **Acknowledgments**

Cover artwork: Corissa Nelson © 2020

Preservice Trumpet & Trombone: Pastor Tom Barthel  
& Peter Barthel

Scripture taken from The Holy Bible, Evangelical  
Heritage Version<sup>®</sup>, EHV<sup>®</sup>, © 2019 Wartburg  
Project, Inc.

“To God Be the Glory” audio recording by Branches  
Band. Used by permission © Branches Band  
All other hymn texts are public domain.



[RockOfAges-Payson.com](http://RockOfAges-Payson.com)

204. W. Airport Rd. • Payson AZ  
85541 • 928-474-2098 •  
[pastorbarthel@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbarthel@gmail.com)