

# WHEN OUR **PLANS** FALL THROUGH



A SERIES FOR THE EASTER SEASON

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2) WHEN ALL WE CAN DO IS GO FOR A WALK

*Third Sunday of Easter*

*April 26, 2020*

*At home & parking lot service for during pandemic*

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# Special Order of Service

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## Hymn

To God Be the Glory

*Led by Branches Band and the Children at Rock of Ages*

**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!***

**2. Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice! *[Refrain]***

**3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice! *[Refrain]***

## Responses

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.**

"Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. "Peace to this house."  
**Peace to all of you who are in Christ.**

The LORD gives strength to his people;  
**the LORD blesses his people with peace.**

## **Confession & Absolution**

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered

**Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**According to your promises in Jesus Christ.**

God our merciful Father, has forgiven all your sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilty by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

# Hymn

Like the Golden Sun Ascending  
Christian Worship 147

♪ Like the golden sun ascending,  
Breaking through the gloom of night,  
On the earth its glory spending  
So that darkness takes to flight,  
Thus my Jesus from the grave  
And death's dismal, dreadful cave

Rose triumphant Easter morning  
At the early purple dawning.

2. Thanks to you, O Christ victorious!  
Thanks to you, O Lord of Life!  
Death has now no power o'er us,  
You have conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because you did arise  
And have opened paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory  
Of the resurrection story.

## Prayer of the Day

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

**Ac 24:10-21**

*The apostle Paul preached according to the Law and Prophets about the resurrection.*  
When the governor motioned to him to speak, Paul replied, "Because I know that you have been a judge over this nation for many years, I gladly make my defense. <sup>11</sup>You can verify for yourself that it was no more than twelve days ago when I went up to worship at Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup>They did not find me arguing with anyone in the temple or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. <sup>13</sup>And they cannot prove to you the accusations they are now making against me.

<sup>14</sup>"But I do confess to you that I worship the God of our fathers according to the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything written throughout the Law and in the Prophets; <sup>15</sup>and I have the same hope in God that these men have, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>16</sup>This is the reason I continue to do my best to have a clear conscience toward both God and people.

<sup>17</sup>"After several years, I came to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings.  
<sup>18</sup>While I was doing these things, they found me ceremonially purified in the temple, without a crowd or disturbance. <sup>19</sup>But there are some Jews from the province of Asia who ought to be here before you and bring charges, if they have anything against me. <sup>20</sup>Or let these men here state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin, <sup>21</sup>unless this is about the one thing I shouted while standing in their presence: 'It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.' "

## Psalm of the Day

### Psalm 67

*Read by Peter Barthel  
The congregation is invited to join in the refrain.*

♪ **Let the people praise you, O God, let all the people praise you.**

May God be gracious to us and bless us.  
May his face shine on us—

♪ **Let the people praise you, O God, let all the people praise you.**

so that your way may be known on earth,  
your salvation among all nations.  
May the peoples praise you, O God.  
May the peoples praise you—all of them.  
May the countries be glad and sing for joy,  
because you rule the peoples with fairness,  
and you guide the countries of the earth.

♪ **Let the people praise you, O God, let all the people praise you.**

May the peoples praise you, O God.  
May the peoples praise you—all of them.  
The earth will yield its harvest.  
God, our God, will bless us.  
God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

♪ **Let the people praise you, O God, let all the people praise you.**

## Second Reading

### 1 Peter 1:17-21

*God the Father raised his Son from the dead, according to his eternal plan.*

If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, <sup>18</sup>because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in

these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

## 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.*

## Seasonal Response

The Lord is Risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

**Luke 24:13-35**

*The message of Christ's resurrection is found in all the Scriptures.*

Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" Saddened, they stopped.

<sup>18</sup>One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup>"What things?" he asked them.

They replied, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup>The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. <sup>23</sup>When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."

<sup>25</sup>He said to them, "How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over."

So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. <sup>31</sup>Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our

hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon." <sup>35</sup>They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

## Hymn of the Day

The Day of Resurrection

*Christian Worship 166*

**1 The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
From this world to the sky,  
Our Christ has brought us over  
With hymns of victory.**

**2 Our hearts be pure from evil  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection light**

**And, list'ning to his accents,  
May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.**

**3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful;  
Let earth her song begin.  
Let all the world keep triumph  
And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen;  
Our joy shall have no end.**

## Sermon

Luke 24:13-35

**WHEN OUR  
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# “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*)

## Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

Easter

*Christian Worship page 126*

O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, our treasures.

**Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow. This week we include in our prayers Shirley and Scott, friends of Cindy Hoff who are under hospice care and Bill, neighbor of Cindy who was hospitalized this past week.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## 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.**

## 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. The offerings can be dropped near the plate at the door anytime during today's service.*

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

## Prayer for Grace

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.**

## **Blessing**

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.

**The Lord be with you.**

Blessing, honor, thanksgiving, and praise, more than we can utter or understand, be to you, O holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by all angels, all mankind, and all creatures, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

*Like the Golden Sun Ascending*

*Christian Worship 147:3-5*

**3. You have died for my transgression;**

**All my sins on you were laid.**

**You have won for me salvation;**

**On the cross my debt was paid.**

**From the grave I shall arise**

**And shall meet you in the skies.**

**Death itself is transitory;**

**I shall lift my head in glory.**

**4 Grant me grace, O blessed Savior,**

**And your Holy Spirit send**

**That my life and my behavior**

**May be pleasing to the end,**

**That I may not fall again**

**Into death's grim pit and pain,**

**Whence by grace you have retrieved me**

**And from which you have relieved me.**

**5 For the joy your advent gave me,**

**For your gospel's great reward,**

**For your baptism which has saved me,**

**For your supper and your Word,**

**For your death, the bitter scorn,**

**For your resurrection morn:**

**Lord, I thank you and extol you,**

**And in heav'n I shall behold you.**

## **The Sacrament**

*The congregation is gathering Sundays for small group communion. Contact pastor about joining the next group. He would also be glad to schedule a private communion with any member at home or at church.*

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