

WHEN OUR ***PLANS*** FALL THROUGH



A SERIES FOR THE EASTER SEASON

OUR PLANS FALL THROUGH 4) WHEN OUR HEARTS ARE TROUBLED

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

At home & parking lot service for during pandemic

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Morning Meditation

Greeting

Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Christian Worship Hymnal 234:1-3
Led by the children at Rock of Ages

♪ Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

**2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**3. Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully,
wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly
falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.**

Invocation

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

Responses

In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Psalm 5:3

We do not make requests of you because we are righteous,
but because of your great mercy.

Daniel 9:18

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;
establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands. *Psalm 90:17*

Let me live that I may praise you,
and may your laws sustain me. *Psalm 119:175*

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 guilt 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Christian Worship Hymnal 234:4-5
Led by the children at Rock of Ages

♪ Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.

**5. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all
that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now
with praises before him!
Let the Amen Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!**

Prayer of the Day

God, you form the minds of your faithful people in to a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

Read by Phineas Barthel
Peter boldly declares Jesus as the only way to be saved.

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone. "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved."

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118

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Sung responsively

**♪ This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!
This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!**

The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

**“The LORD’s right hand is lifted high;
the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”**

I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

♪ Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

**The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

♪ Refrain

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10

Peter points to Jesus as the only Rock on which God builds his church.

As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it says in Scripture:

See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to shame.

⁷Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who do not believe: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, ⁸and, a stone over which they stumble and a rock over which they fall.

Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it. And that is the consequence appointed for them.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

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 14:1-10

Jesus promises to bring us to his perfect place of security and peace.

"Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. ⁴You know where I am going, and you know the way."

⁵"Lord, we don't know where you are going," Thomas replied, "so how can we know the way?"

⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. ⁷If you know me, you would also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸"Lord," said Philip, "show us the Father, and that is enough for us."

⁹"Have I been with you so long," Jesus answered, "and you still do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I am telling you I am not speaking on my own, but the Father who remains in me is doing his works.

Hymn of the Day

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Christian Worship 358:1-4

Led by the Children at Rock of Ages

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

In a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,

And drives away all fear.

**2 It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul
And to the weary, rest.**

**3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.**

**4 By you my prayers acceptance gain
Although with sin defiled;
Satan accuses me in vain
For God calls me his child.**

Sermon

John 10:1-10

“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

Nicene Creed

We all come from different places with different backgrounds and different personalities. Yet, we are united by one truth that transcends all cultures, races, and genders. What is that one belief?

We believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

What we are confessing is not just what you and I believe individually. It, in fact, binds us together more closely than blood. Ponder this, as we read what binds our hearts in Christ's love.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

It's Jesus' will that we share the kind of fellowship found within the Trinity (Jn 17:21). Who alone can enable us to love each other like this?

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Easter

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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 pray concerning Mary Strong as she still awaits the results of tests; that God would not let her heart be troubled or anxious, but continue to bless her with the gospel of peace in Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life.

We also include a prayer of thanksgiving as we celebrate Mother's Day.

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.

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

Morning Prayer

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

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

Hebrews 13:20-21

May the grace of the Lord Jesus sanctify us and keep us from all evil; may Christ drive all hurtful things far from us and purify both our souls and bodies; may Christ bind us to himself by the bond of love; and may his peace abound in our hearts.

Amen.

Hymn

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Christian Worship 358:5-7

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♪ **O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.**

**6 I praise in weakness from afar--
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see you as you are,
I'll praise you as I ought.**

**7 Till then I would your love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of your name
Refresh my soul in death.**

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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You're invited to join us next Sunday for one more park and worship service.

Note: We are tentatively planning to begin gathering in our building again on May 24th.

There will be a 9:00 am and 10:15 am service to help us spread out in the sanctuary.



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