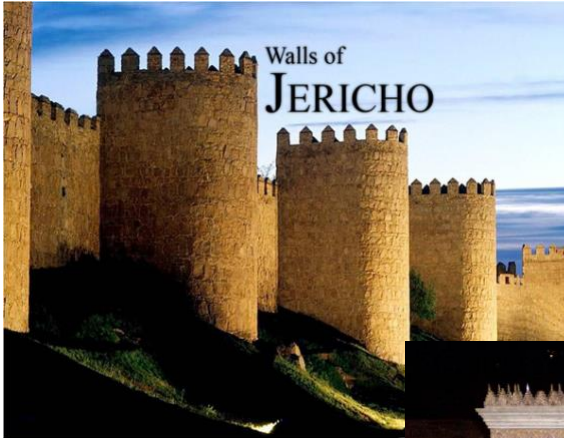


# **“Stones that Fall” The Stones Would Shout**

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**Opening Hymn: "Who Am I?"** (Mark Hall/Casting Crowns)

**Verse 1**

Who am I that the Lord of all the earth  
Would care to know my name  
Would care to feel my hurt  
Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star  
Would choose to light the way  
For my ever wand'ring heart

**Pre-Chorus**

Not because of who I am  
But because of what You've done  
Not because of what I've done  
But because of who You are

**Chorus**

I am a flower quickly fading  
Here today and gone tomorrow  
A wave tossed in the ocean  
A vapor in the wind  
Still You hear me when I'm calling  
Lord You catch me when I'm falling  
And You've told me who I am  
I am Yours

**Verse 2**

Who am I that the eyes that see my sin  
Would look on me with love  
And watch me rise again  
Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea  
Would call out through the rain  
And calm the storm in me

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## Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Erhalt Uns, Herr** (LSB 655, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"): 1 Peter 2:4-9

### Verse 1

What firm foundation undergirds  
All those who build on God's sure words.  
Says Christ, as children's praise rings out,  
"If these were still, the stones would shout!"

### Verse 2

Built on the rock by Christ's own hand,  
The Church of God unmoved shall stand;  
For Christ, who is the cornerstone,  
Has claimed his children as his own.

P: Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**C: For it says in Scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."**

P: To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

**C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."**

P: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you might proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

## **Prayer of the Day**

### **Scripture Lesson: Joshua 6:1-27**

Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. And the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him." So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD." And he said to the people, "Go forward. March around the city and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the LORD."

And just as Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD following them. The armed men were walking before the priests who were blowing the trumpets, and the rear guard was walking after the

ark, while the trumpets blew continually. But Joshua commanded the people, "You shall not shout or make your voice heard, neither shall any word go out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout." So he caused the ark of the LORD to circle the city, going about it once. And they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp.

Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD walked on, and they blew the trumpets continually. And the armed men were walking before them, and the rear guard was walking after the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets blew continually. And the second day they marched around the city once, and returned into the camp. So they did for six days.

On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city. And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent. But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD." So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted

a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city. Then they devoted all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys, with the edge of the sword.

But to the two men who had spied out the land, Joshua said, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring out from there the woman and all who belong to her, as you swore to her." So the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. And they brought all her relatives and put them outside the camp of Israel. And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. But Rahab the prostitute and her father's household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

Joshua laid an oath on them at that time, saying, "Cursed before the LORD be the man who rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho.

"At the cost of his firstborn shall he lay its foundation,  
and at the cost of his youngest son  
shall he set up its gates."

So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## A Hymn: LSB 452, "O Perfect Life of Love"



1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,  
2 No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;  
3 No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;  
4 And on His thorn - crowned head And on His sin - less soul



All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.  
His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.  
All forms of hu - man grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.  
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.

- 5 In perfect love He dies;  
For me He dies, for me.  
O all-atoning Sacrifice,  
I cling by faith to Thee.
- 6 In ev'ry time of need,  
Before the judgment throne,  
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,  
Thy merits, not mine own.
- 7 Yet work, O Lord, in me  
As Thou for me hast wrought;  
And let my love the answer be  
To grace Thy love has brought.

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## Scripture Lesson: Mark 13:1-13

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings?

There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



**A Hymn:** "Come to Jesus" (Chris Rice)

**Verse 1**

Weak and wounded sinner  
Lost and left to die  
O raise your head for Love is passin' by  
Come to Jesus  
Come to Jesus  
Come to Jesus and live

**Verse 2**

Now your burden's lifted  
And carried far away  
And precious blood has washed away the stain  
So sing to Jesus  
Sing to Jesus  
Sing to Jesus and live

**Verse 3**

Like a newborn baby  
Don't be afraid to crawl  
And remember when you walk sometimes we fall  
So fall on Jesus  
Fall on Jesus  
Fall on Jesus and live

**Verse 4**

Sometimes the way is lonely  
And steep and filled with pain  
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain  
Then cry to Jesus  
Cry to Jesus  
Cry to Jesus and live

**Verse 5**

O and when the love spills over  
And music fills the night  
And when you can't contain your joy inside  
Then dance for Jesus

Dance for Jesus  
Dance for Jesus and live

### **Verse 6**

And with your final heartbeat  
Kiss the world good-bye  
Then go in peace and laugh on glory's side  
And rise to Jesus  
Rise to Jesus  
Rise to Jesus and live  
Rise to Jesus  
Rise to Jesus  
Rise to Jesus and live

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### **A Sermon: "Stones that Fall"**

### **A Creedal Hymn** (Tune: "How Firm a Foundation", LSB 728)

#### **Verse 1**

Our God is a Rock, the Creator of all.  
His wonderful deeds let his people recall.  
How firm a foundation our Maker provides,  
Whose word, breaking darkness, forever abides.

#### **Verse 2**

The stone once rejected – Christ Jesus alone –  
Is made for our faith a secure cornerstone.  
He died for our sins and was raised from the grave.  
He will come again, his believers to save.

#### **Verse 3**

The Church, firmly built on the rock, still shall stand  
When all else has crumbled like quick-shifting sand,  
God's people, forgiven, shall triumph o'er death,  
The Spirit inspiring with life-giving breath.

## Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

**C 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.**

### **A Hymn:** LSB 454, "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing  
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed  
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from  
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the  
△ 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther

of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,  
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,  
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,  
and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or

Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the  
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of  
Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He  
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the  
Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry

world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.  
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.  
hum - bly yield - ed, On the cross His dy - ing breath.  
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!  
in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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## The Closing: Psalm 31:1-3, 5

P: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame.

**C: In your righteousness deliver me.**

P: Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

**C: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead and guide me.**

P: Into your hand I commit my spirit.

**C: You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

## The Closing Hymn: LSB 884, "Lord, Support Us All Day Long"



1 Lord, sup - port us all day long, Guide and strength - en.  
2 Be our light in dark - ness, Lord, Our de - fend - er;  
3 With Your pres - ence, Lord, draw near Those who la - bor  
4 Gra - cious Lord, we give You thanks, Praise and bless You,



Eve - ning comes, the world is hushed, Shad - ows length - en,  
In Your pres - ence per - ils all Must sur - ren - der.  
Through the night - time on be - half Of their neigh - bor.  
As the giv - er of all good We con - fess You.



Work is done, life's fe - vered pace Now has end - ed;  
Drive all dark sa - tan - ic snares From each dwell - ing;  
Grant them cour - age for each fear, Faith - ful car - ing:  
This past day we now com - mit To Your keep - ing



Christ, to You, our fi - nal rest Is com - mend - ed.  
Then, at peace, our hearts Your praise Will be tell - ing.  
Your com - pas - sion and Your love Tru - ly shar - ing.  
And en - trust to You the hours Of our sleep - ing.

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