

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021



**What Lessons These Stones?
As the People Pass?**

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRELUDE

*I Am His and He Is Mine (Cindy Berry)/Jesus Is All the World to Me (Marianne Kim)
My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Fred Bock)*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alayne F. McNulty

One Voice: As we gather, we proclaim the power of Jesus, of whom it is said, "To Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

Many Voices: We bless the name of Jesus, who will do great things *through us* according to His power *at work in us*.

One Voices: To Him be all glory for all generations. To Him we offer our thanksgiving and praise.

Many Voices: Gracious Lord, meet us in this hour of worship, that You may speak and we may know your wisdom and truth.

ALL VOICES: *Yes, speak Holy Lord! In this moment of worship Your children are waiting. Amen.*

OPENING HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty.
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee.
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee
Which were, and art, and ever more shall be.

SCRIPTURE:

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Selected Verses Joshua Chapters 3:1-3, 14- 17 and 4:1-7, 11

Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. After three days the officers went throughout the camp, giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. . . . So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing [It] was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground. . . . When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight." So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever. . . ." Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been[a] in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

One Voice: The word of God, for the people of God.
Many Voices: **Thanks be to God. Amen**

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be, world without end. Amen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT and LORD'S PRAYER

Alayne McNulty

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

GATHERING the JOYS and CONCERNS of the CHURCH

CALL to PRAYER

SPIRIT SONG

*Oh let the Son of God enfold you, with His Spirit and His love.
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh let Him have the things that hold you, and His spirit like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come into my life. Jesus, Oh Jesus, come into my life.*

SILENT PETITIONS and PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

In Christ Alone

Today's anthem features music and text by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm thro' the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

One Voice: May the words of my mouth,
All Voices: **And the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight,
O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 19)**

SERMON

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Rev. Zina Jacque

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

And Can it Be?

Arr. Joshua Evanovich

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THURSDAY EVENING LENTEN STUDY. A new video series has been launched and season one is completed. The eight episodes of The Chosen are a view into the life of a Jesus you may not have ever met. Pastor Zina is inviting you to watch the episodes at your leisure (be careful, they are binge worthy) and we will meet, every Thursday, at 6 pm, for an hour discussion. To view the episodes (without cost, though they will ask you for a donation) please go to <https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen/player>. **Please watch episode #4 in preparation for our gathering on March 18th, at 6pm.** The Zoom address is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84544326046> or dial in by calling 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) and entering meeting ID: 845 4432 6046

LENTEN MEDITATIONS. We hope you are enjoy the Monday – Saturday Lenten meditations. Please note, each day, the author is noted. We are so fortunate to have so many people willing to write our 2021 Lenten Meditations. Blessings to those who wrote them and those who read them.

