

The Miraculous



The Miraculous Splitting Rocks

Invocation

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

Congregation: Amen.

Opening Sentences

P: Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and relents over disaster.

Joel 2:12-14

C: Jesus said: "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

Matthew 16:24

P: Let us adore our heavenly Father, who created us, who sustains us, who loves us with an everlasting love and gives us the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

C: We praise You, O God, we acknowledge You to be the Lord.

Confession and Absolution

P: O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in Your service, our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Amen.

P: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I declare to you that the almighty and merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 14:19-25

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-30

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:57-27:10

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Lenten Responsoy

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P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

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Hymn

Christ, the Life of All the Living – LSB 420

Sermon

“The Miraculous Splitting Rocks”

Prayers

P: Almighty God, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to You, and for all Your steadfast love we bless Your holy name. For life and health, for love and friendship, and for the goodness and mercy that have followed us all the days of our life.

C: We praise You, O God.

P: For the wonder and beauty of the world; and for all things true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and gracious,

C: We praise You, O God.

P: For the gift of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son; for the grace and truth which came by Him; and for His obedience unto death, even death on a cross,

C: We praise You, O God.

P: For His glorious resurrection and ascension to Your right hand, and for His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion,

C: We praise You, O God.

P: For the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Lord and Giver of life; for Your holy Church throughout the world; for all the means of grace; and for the fellowship of the redeemed in heaven and on earth,

C: We praise You, O God. Glory, thanksgiving, and praise be to You, O Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Antiphon

P: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.

**My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every
people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**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.**

P: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Benediction

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

Hymn

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed – LSB 437

