

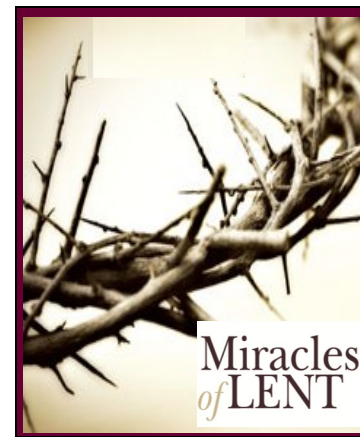
# Miracles of LENT

## Wednesday Lenten Services

April 6      The Miraculous Raising of the Saints from Death  
April 13     The Miraculous Faith of the Roman Soldiers

## Holy Week Services

April 21     The Miraculous in Holy Communion (Maundy Thursday)  
April 22     The Miraculous Love of God (Good Friday)  
April 24     The Miracle of Easter (Easter Festival Service)



Grace Ev. Lutheran Church  
Tucson, AZ

Midweek 4      7 PM      March 30, 2011

*The order of service we are using for evenings in Lent is called "Prayer at the Close of Day." It is based on the historic rite called Compline and is adapted for Lent. Parts of the service designated "L" are for the Leader (Pastor). The Congregation is invited to join in the parts marked "G" for "Group."*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*STAND*

[L] The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et night and peace

at the last. [G] A - - - - men. [L] It is good to give

thanks to the Lord, [G] to sing praise to your name, O Most High, [L] to

her - ald your love in the morn - ing, [G] your truth at the close of day.

[L] Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

[G] Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

[L] Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
[G] who made heaven and earth.  
[L] Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for self-examination*

[L] Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
[G] **we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**  
[L] Because of God's mercy we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let his peace rest upon us as we serve him with newness of life.  
[G] **Amen.**

***BE SEATED***

## HYMN

**Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains**  
*Christian Worship #102*

## RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 102:18-28

[L] Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord:

[G] **“The Lord looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners and release those condemned to death.”**

[L] So the name of the Lord will be declared in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem

[G] **when the peoples and the kingdoms assemble to worship the Lord.**

[L] In the course of my life he broke my strength; he cut short my days.

[G] **So I said: “Do not take me away, O my God, in the midst of my days; your years go on through all generations.**

[L] In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

[G] **They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded.**

[L] But you remain the same, and your years will never end.

[G] **The children of your servants will live in your presence; their descendants will be established before you.”**

## PSALM PRAYER

[L] Almighty LORD, compassionate Father, you have heard the cry of sinful man and sent your Son to save us.

[G] **May your constant love be upon us, that we may live with you forever; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been

## Romans 8:18-30

groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

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## Lamb of God

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide,  
2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied.  
3 I was so lost; I should have died,

But you have sent him from your side  
They laughed and scorned him as he died:  
But you have brought me to your side

To walk up - on this guilt - y sod  
The hum - ble King they named a fraud  
To be led by your staff and rod

And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
And to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!  
Oh, wash me in his pre - cious blood,  
My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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GOSPEL CANTICLE: SONG OF SIMEON

[L] Guide us wak-ing, O Lord, [G] and guard us sleep - - - ing. [L] that a-wake we may watch with Christ [G] and a - sleep we may rest in peace. [G] In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser vant now de - part ac - cord ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion which you have pre pared for ev 'ry people, a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

In peace, in peace.

BLESSING

[L] The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, (+) and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.  
[G] Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary  
Christian Worship #108

Those Assisting in Worship this Evening

Service .....Pastor Mark Hallemeyer  
Organist .....Elaine Goldie  
Sound and Recording Tech .....Jeremy Snavelly

We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have

THE PASSION HISTORY

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward and declared, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’” Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” “Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?” “He is worthy of death,” they answered. Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, “Prophecy to us, Christ. Who hit you?” Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said. But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said. Then he went out to the gateway, where another girl saw him and said to the

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SERMON

been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Matthew 26:57-27:10

people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.” He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!” After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away.” Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!” Immediately a rooster crowed. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly. Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death. They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.” “What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.” So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.” So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel, and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

Lamb of God

Christian Worship Supplement #748

Matthew 27:51c

The Miracle of the Splitting Rocks

“...and the rocks split.”



SERMON RESPONSE

[L] In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it.

[G] In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it. [L] You have re -

deemed me, O Lord, God of truth. [G] In - to your hands I com-mend my

spir - it. [L] Glo-ry to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Spir - it. [G] In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it.

BE SEATED

**OFFERING** *Members of Grace respond to their Savior’s love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest tonight, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation’s work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God’s kingdom.*

*Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass along. Thank You!*

OFFERTORY

STAND

PRAYER

[L] Hear my prayer, O Lord. [G] Lis - ten to my cry. [L] Keep me as the

ap - ple of your eye. [G] Hide me in the shad - ow of your wings. [L] In right-eous -

ness I shall see you. [G] When I a - wake, your pres - ence will give me joy.

[L] Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep  
this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

[L] Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted,  
soothe the suffering, bless the dying--and all for your love's sake,

[L] through Je - sus Christ our Lord.

[G] A - - - - - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

[G] Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal-lowed be your name, your

king - dom come, your will be done on earth as in heav - en. Give

us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as we for-give

those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de -

liv-er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow-er, and the glo - ry are

yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.