The Book of Exodus
Let My People Go!

Lent Four
April 3, 2019
Ascension Lutheran Church
Littleton, Colorado

Order of Service

PRELUDE
“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” Clay Christensen

SERVICE OF LIGHT
P. 243 LSB

PHOS HILARION (Hymn of Light)
P. 244 LSB

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT
P. 245 LSB

Leader: (Spoken) Blessed are you . . . and Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

PSALM 141 (“Let my prayer rise…”)
P. 245 - 247 LSB

PRAYER
P. 247 LSB

Leader: Let us pray. Let the incense . . . glorify You forever.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.
People: I know that nothing good lives in me.
Pastor: That is, in my sinful nature.
People: I have the desire to do good.
Pastor: But I cannot carry it out.
People: What I do is not the good I want to do.
Pastor: No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.
People: I find this law at work—
Pastor: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.
People: In my inner being, I delight in your law.
Pastor: But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.

All: Who will rescue me from this body of death?

[You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ’s love is greater.]

Pastor: Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death! Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and his blood forgives you and sets you free! He turned the sea into dry land; we passed through the waters on foot. Though God’s footprints were not seen.

All: He led His people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron!

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Theme: Christ quenching our thirst.

Old Testament                   Exodus 17:1-7                     (Page 75)
Epistle                        1 Corinthians 10:1-4                 (Page 1168)
Holy Gospel                    John 4:3-10                        (Page 1083)

**HYMN**                        “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”    *LSB 423*

**SERMON** “Strike the Rock!”   Pastor John Larson
Text: Exodus 17:1-7

**OFFERING (7 p.m. only)** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  *LSB 803*

**PRAYERS**

**LORD’S PRAYER** (Matthew 6:9–13)  Text found in the back of the Hymnal.

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.
CLOSING HYMN

“As The Deer”

As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my hearts desire, And I long to worship Thee.

CHORUS: You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my hearts desire, And I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and You are my brother even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other, So much more than anything. CHORUS

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy Giver, And the apple of my eye. CHORUS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

POSTLUDE  “Everlasting God”  arr. Mark Hayes
SERVING IN WORSHIP
The Rev. John Larson: Pastor, Ascension Lutheran Church
Michael Zehnder: Minister of Music
Nolan Pierce: Acolyte (7 p.m.)