

The Lamb



“The Lamb That Takes Away Sin”

Midweek III

Midweek Lent III

Series Theme

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29) That was John the Baptist’s powerful witness to Jesus at the Jordan River when the Savior came to be baptized by him. The image of a lamb is used frequently in both the Old and New Testaments to describe the Messiah as well as the sinful people He came to save. This Lenten season we gather to examine and to meditate on some of these Biblical pictures of...

The Lamb

As We Gather “The Lamb That Takes Away Sin”

In our usage today, calling any man “a lamb” would imply he was soft and weak. But when John called Jesus “the Lamb of God,” such an idea was far from his thinking. The image of an animal taking away sin was a familiar one to the Jews. The imagery is familiar to us Christians as well. It appears again and again in the words of our liturgies and hymns. But do we truly understand and appreciate the meaning behind that powerful image?

+ Service of Vespers+

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Prelude

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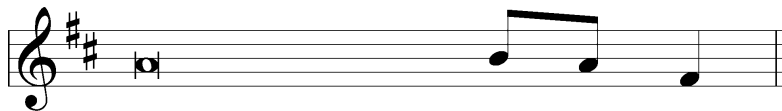
Welcome

We Greet Each Other

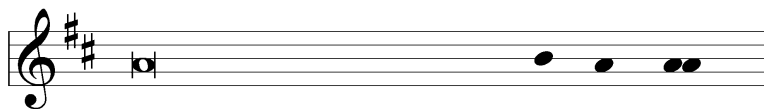
stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalm 121

P I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

C **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

P He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

C **Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

C **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

P The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn

431 Not All the Blood of Beasts



“And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat. And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness. The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

John 1:19-30

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’”

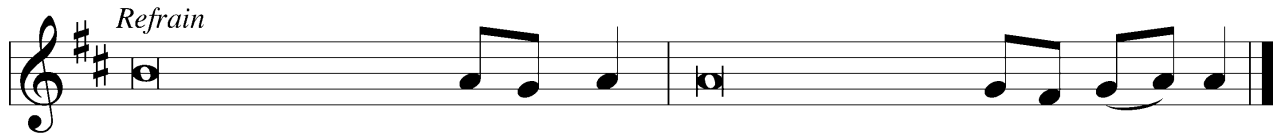
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C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory



- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.



- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

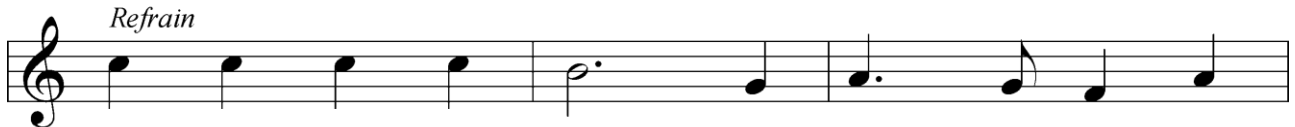
Theme Hymn-547 The Lamb



- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



- Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.



- Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



- own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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Sermon

"The Lamb That Takes Away Sin"

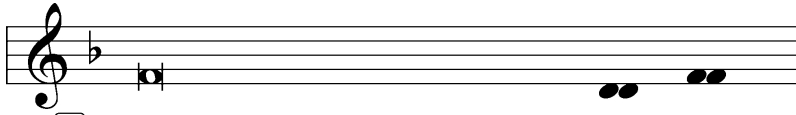
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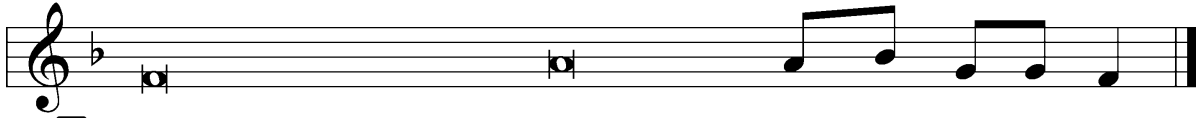
Children's Message

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Canticle



L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

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1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of His name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of His might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of His Word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;
His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.
The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

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Offering
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Kyrie



Lord's Prayer

All 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

Collect for Hope of Eternal Life in Christ

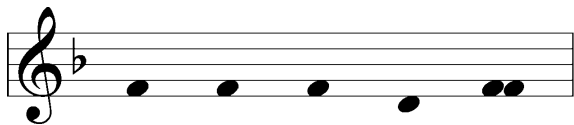
P Almighty, everlasting God, Your Son has assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ may increase daily and that we may hold fast to the hope that on the Last Day we shall be raised in glory to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

Luther's Evening Prayer

All I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God

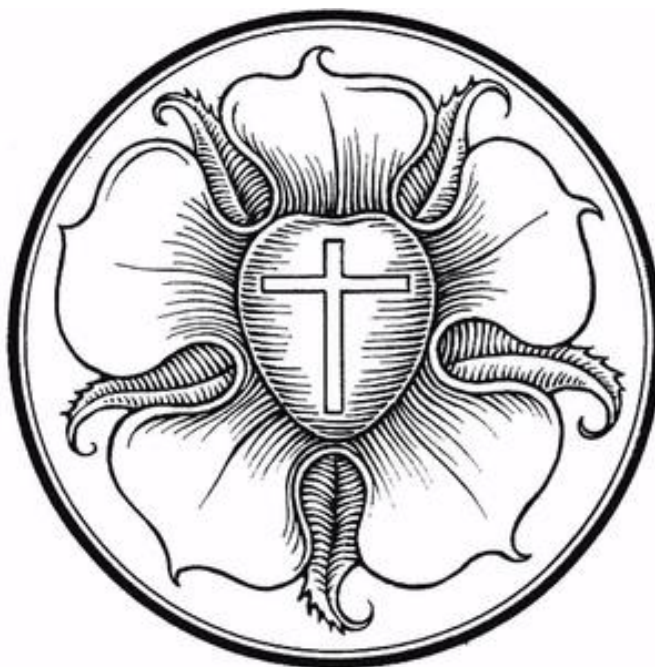


and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

sit



Hymn

887 Now the Light Has Gone Away



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.
5 Thou, my best and kind - est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.
All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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Announcements

Next Week

“The Lambs That Are Lost”

None of us likes to admit it, but God insists that we all like sheep have gone astray. We are lost and vulnerable to the wolf. The Good News is that God's only-begotten Son became a sheep and laid down His life in order to bring us back into the fold. No wonder we call a Lamb such as that “The Good Shepherd.”



“The Lamb”

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| February 14 | Ash Wednesday | Genesis 22:1-14 | The Substitute Lamb |
| February 21 | Midweek II | 2 Samuel 12:1-7a | The Lamb We Have All Killed |
| February 28 | Midweek III | Jn. 1:29; Lev.16:21-22 | The Lamb That Takes Away Sin |
| March 6 | Midweek IV | Isaiah 53:6 | The Lambs That Are Lost |
| March 13 | Midweek V | Isaiah 53:7 | The Lamb Led to Slaughter |
| March 20 | Midweek VI | Deuteronomy 17:1 | The Unblemished Lamb |
| March 28 | Maundy Thursday | Exodus 12:21 | The Passover Lamb |
| March 29 | Good Friday | Exodus 29:38-39 | The Lambs for Daily Sacrifice |
| March 31 | Easter Sunday | Revelation 5:1-14 | The Lamb That Was Slain |

MIDWEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, Feb 14, 12:00PM & 7:00PM

Wednesdays, February 14- March 20

Light Supper 6:00PM

Worship Service 7:00PM

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00PM

Good Friday, March 29, 12:00 & 7:00PM

Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:00 & 10:45 AM



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