

## ***Fourth Wednesday in Lent***

MARCH 15, 2023

3:30 and 7:00 p.m.

*This Lenten season we have been reflecting on God's Story. Act 1 in the Story of God was creation. Act 2 in the Story was Redemption. This week, we will continue to look at Redemption, and specifically Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus, the Lamb, roots us, both in the Exodus story 3,500 years ago and in our present day lives, as we partake in the Body and Blood of the Lamb during holy communion. We also then look forward to the banquet feast in the new creation with the Lamb seated on the throne.*

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THE BELLS

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

3:30 p.m.

***A Lenten Song***

Cherub Choir

THE OPENING HYMN

***The Lamb***

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1. The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes, God will provide the Lamb of price!

*Chorus: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*

2. The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heaven His praise to sing. *Chorus*
3. The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. *Chorus*
4. He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *Chorus*

THE INVOCATION

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

*C: Amen.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SINS

*P: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;*  
*C: yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*  
*P: But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;*  
*C: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.*  
*P: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;*  
*C: and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*  
*(Time of silence for individual confession)*

## THE ABSOLUTION

### THE SONG RESPONSE

#### ***There Is a Redeemer***

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Refrain: Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah. O for sinners slain. *Refrain*

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face,  
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. *Refrain*

## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 12:21-27

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. <sup>22</sup> Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. <sup>23</sup> For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. <sup>24</sup> You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. <sup>25</sup> And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. <sup>26</sup> And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' <sup>27</sup> you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for he passed over

the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped

THE GOSPEL

Luke 22:14-20

<sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

THE READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY

THE LENTEN MUSICAL OFFERING

*The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns*

Piano

THE RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

*P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, true Son of God, and Holy Spirit, we praise You and we give You thanks for Your great works.*

*C: Blessed are You, Oh Lord our God.*

*P: We thank You for Your work of creation. We thank You for making the world to be good in its service of You.*

*C: We thank You for giving life to humanity, and for creating us in Your image.*

*P: We believe that Jesus Christ was sent into this now fallen and broken world, not to condemn the world, but to save it.*

*C: We thank You for redeeming us through Your sacrifice, and for giving us the hope of resurrection by rising again on the third day.*

*P: Lord, please help us to live as people of the new creation, bringing Your Kingdom to the ends of the earth.*

*C: We believe that You will raise us and all the saints from the dead on the last day, and we look forward to the day when all creation is fully restored! Come quickly, Lord Jesus, Amen.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE SERMON HYMN

*Lamb of God*

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side

To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died,  
The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

*Chorus: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God,  
O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side,  
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. *Chorus*

THE SERMON

Pastor Terry Cashmer

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN

*Abide with Me*

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1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
  
5. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
  
6. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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