



The Lamb of God

Lenten Meditation

[Please provide: narrator; musical accompaniment; LSB hymnals and copies of the meditation for attendees.]

Old Testament Lamb Provided – The Sacrifice of Isaac

Narrator: Genesis 22:1-2, 6-8: *After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ...And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"*

ALL: *Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."*

Narrator: Genesis 22:9-13: *When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."*

ALL: *And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.*

Sing "The Lamb" LSB 547, verse 1.

New Testament Lamb of God - God's Son Becomes the Lamb of God

Narrator: God did not require Abraham to offer his only son as a sacrifice. But God did offer his Son as a sacrifice for us because it was the only way we could be saved from sin, death, and Satan. John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God. John 1:29: *The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said,*

ALL: *"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

Narrator: 1 Peter 2:24-25: *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds [we] have been healed.*

ALL: *For [we] were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of [our] souls.*

Sing "The Lamb," verses 3 and 4.

Narrator: The sacrifice of Jesus for our sins was a once and for all sacrifice. Hebrews 10:12-14: *But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.*

ALL: *For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.*

Sing "The Lamb" verse 2.

Narrator: God has deemed Jesus Christ to be the one and only worthy Lamb of God. Jesus is, therefore, worthy of our praise and our proclamation. Revelation 5:11-13: *Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,*

ALL: *"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*

Sing "The Lamb" verse 5.

Narrator: Take a few moments to silently meditate on what the Lamb of God has done for you.

Sing "Agnus Dei" LSB p. 198.