

Behold, the Lamb of God

Lent Midweek III - March 15, 2017

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Prayer at the Close of the Day

THEME HYMN

"The Lamb"

Verse 1

The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

Verse 2

The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

Verse 3

The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill.
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

Verse 4

He sighs, he dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness.
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

To herald Your love in the morning,

Your truth at the close of the day.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my own fault, my own grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

Amen.

PRAYER

THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Part II: Isaiah 53:2-3

For he grew up before him like a young plant,

and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no form of majesty that we should look at him,

and no beauty that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by men;

a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;

and as one from whom men hide their faces

he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Verse 1

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

Verse 2

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

Verse 3

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 16:6-10, 20-22

Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. ⁷ Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the Lord at the entrance of the tent of meeting. ⁸ And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the Lord and the other lot for Azazel. ⁹ And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the Lord and use it as a sin offering, ¹⁰ but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the Lord to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel.

²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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. ²² The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I Peter 2:24-25

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." ²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

have mercy.

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have mercy.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

grant us Your peace.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Verse 1

**My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly Thine!**

Verse 2

**May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**

SERMON

“Behold the Lamb of God- The Lamb Who Took Our Place”

Vicar Luke Watt

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LORD’S PRAYER

(inside back LSB cover)

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

Amen.

-The service concludes on the following page with the Evening Hymn-

EVENING HYMN

“All Praise to Thee, My God, this Night”

Verse 1

**All praise to Thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.**

Verse 2

**Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done;
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace my be.**

Verse 3

**When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heavenly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No powers of darkness me molest.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.