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The Lamb Is Sacrificed

The Sixth Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:7

For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

Candles Extinguished & Silent Meditation:

Children's Recitation: John 19:17-20, 25-30

And Jesus, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. ... Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Children: TLH 151: Christ the Life of All the Living

Worthy Is the Lamb!

The Seventh Reading: Revelation 5:11-12

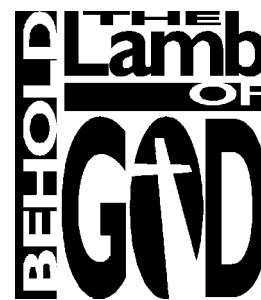
(11) Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, (12) saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

Candles Extinguished & Silent Meditation:

The Benediction:

The Exit of the Christ Candle:

Silent prayer: (You may usher yourself out)



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Christ in the Creatures of the Passion

Entrance Solo: TLH 146:3: Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

The Invocation, Announcements, & Opening Prayer:

Hymn: TLH 388: Just as I Am, Without One Plea

1. [All] Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. [Men] Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. [Women] Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. [All] Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down.
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

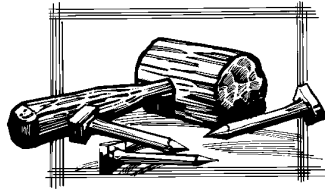


Confession & Absolution:

P: Let each of us pour out our hearts before God and find comfort in His mercy ...

C: Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight.

P: In connection with our Savior Jesus Christ, the Lord has purged you and me with hyssop, and we are clean. He has washed you and me thoroughly from all our sins, and we are whiter than snow. May the joy and gladness of Christ's forgiveness here pronounced comfort and assure your hearts of His abiding love for you.



Response: TLH 652:1: I Lay My Sins on Jesus

I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious
Till not a spot remains.



Confession of Faith: Based on Isaiah 53:4-7, 12b

C: We believe that Jesus Christ has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors. Amen.

The Offering: Meditative Music

Response: TLH 367, st. 2

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.
Every sin may be forgiven Through the virtue of Thy blood;
Open is the gate of heaven, Peace is made 'twixt man and God.

Communion Preparation: Based on Luther's Catechism

P: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.

P: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C: The words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that God gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through the sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P: How can simple eating and drinking do these wonderful things?

C: Eating and drinking actually do nothing. It is the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," which do this. These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main part of the sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.



Words of Institution:

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God):

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace! Amen.



Communion Distribution: Meditative Music

Post-Communion Prayer:

The Lamb Led to Slaughter

The Fourth Reading:.... 1 Peter 1:18-19, Luke 23:20-27, 32-33

(1 Peter 1:18-19) knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, (19) but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

(Luke 23:20-33) Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. (21) But they shouted, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" (22) Then he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go." (23) But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. (24) So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. (25) And he released to them the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder had been thrown into prison; but he delivered Jesus to their will. (26) Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus. (27) And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. ... (32) There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. (33) And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

Candles Extinguished & Silent Meditation:

Choir: Blessed Lamb on Calvary's Mountain

The Lamb of the Passover

The Fifth Reading: Mark 14:12a, 22-24

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb, ... as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many." (NKJV)

Christ in the Creatures of the Passion:
The Passover Lamb

The Lamb Who is the Son of God

The First Reading:..... John 1:29-34

(29) The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (30) "This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' (31) "I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." (32) And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. (33) "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' (34) "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

Candles Extinguished & Silent Meditation:

Hymn:..... TLH 165: Behold the Lamb of God!

1. Behold the Lamb of God!
 O Thou for sinners slain,
 Let it not be in vain
 That Thou hast died!
 Thee for my Savior let me take,
 My only refuge let me make
 Thy pierced side.
2. Behold the Lamb of God!
 Into the sacred flood
 Of Thy most precious blood
 My soul I cast.
 Wash me and make me pure and clean,
 Uphold me through life's changeful scene,
 Till all be past.
4. Behold the Lamb of God!
 Worthy is He alone
 To sit upon the throne
 Of God above,
 One with the Ancient of all days,
 One with the Paraclete in praise,
 All Light, all Love!



The Lamb Bears Our Sin

The Second Reading: Isaiah 53:6; Luke 22:39-44

All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. ... (Luke 22:39-44) Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. (40) When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." (41) And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, (42) saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." (43) Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. (44) And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Candles Extinguished & Silent Meditation:

Hymn:.... TLH 328: O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art (Tune of 175)

1. O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou art
The Life and Comfort of my heart.
A sinner poor I come to Thee
And bring my many sins with me.
2. O God, my sin indeed is great;
I groan beneath the dreadful weight.
Be merciful to me, I pray;
Take guilt and punishment away.
3. Saint John the Baptist points to Thee
And bids me cast my sin on Thee;
For Thou hast left Thy throne on high
To suffer for the world and die.
4. Help me to mend my ways, O Lord,
And gladly to obey Thy Word.
While here I live, abide with me;
And when I die, take me to Thee.



The Lamb Remains Silent

The Third Reading: Isaiah 53:7; John 19:1-9

And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. ... (John 19:1-9) So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. (2) And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. (3) Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands. (4) Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him." (5) Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" (6) Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." (7) The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." (8) Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, (9) and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.

Candles Extinguished & Silent Meditation:

Hymn: TLH 142: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

1. A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of all men bearing;
And laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing!
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint, That spotless life to offer;
Bears shame and stripes, and wounds and death,
Anguish and mockery, and saith, "Willing all this I suffer."
2. This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great Friend,
The Lamb of God, our Savior;
Him God the Father chose to send To gain for us His favor.
"Go forth, My Son," the Father saith,
"And free men from the fear of death,
From guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Thy Passion men shall share The fruit of Thy salvation."