

Fourth Mid-week Service March 26, 2025
“Jesus the Lamb of God”

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: *“Not All the Blood of Beasts” 431 vs. 1-3*

Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace Or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heav’nly Lamb, Takes all our sins away
A sacrifice of nobler name And richer blood than they.

The Lamb of God has come To take away all sins
To offer hope to through His own blood And grant us hope with-in.

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen!*

P: God the Father, chose His only Son **C:** *As the Messiah who would sacrifice Himself for us!*

P: God chose the Plan to bring hope to the world **C:** *His Son would purchase those lost in sin.*

P: There was only one source of hope **C:** *It was through the action of the only True Son!*

P: God alone can redeem His people **C:** *He alone can pay the price for our sin!*

P: Paying for our sin could only be done **C:** *If the perfect sacrifice was given on our behalf!*

P: Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God **C:** *The One who shed His own blood for our salvation.*

Psalmody: *Psalm 65: 1-8*

P: Praise awaits You, O God, in Zion; to You our vows will be fulfilled. **C:** *O You who hear prayer, to You all men will come.*

P: When we were overwhelmed by sins, You forgave our transgressions. **C:** *Blessed are those You chose and bring near to live in Your courts!*

P: We are filled with the good things of Your house, of Your holy temple. **C:** *You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,*

P: Who formed the mountains by Your power, having armed Yourself with strength, who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations. **C:** *Those living far away fear Your wonders; where morning dawns and evening fades You call forth songs of joy.*

ALL: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and You have willingly devised a Plan which depended entirely upon the Work of Your Son alone, help us gracious Lord to trust in You and place our hope in True Lamb of God that You have sent into the world on our behalf; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Hymn: *Tune 433 "God the Light of heaven!"*

Lamb of God from heaven! Sent from God above.
One who shed His own blood By His wondrous love.

God chose to give His Son As the One who'd die.
He'd pay for all sinners With a final cry!

Lamb of God the Savior! Chosen to proclaim,
Hope to all the nations Through His sacred Name!

Humbly grant us wisdom Insight from Your Word
Lead us with Your Spirit So Your truths are heard.

Lessons:

O. T. Lesson: *Isaiah 53: 4-8 Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.

By oppression and judgment He was taken away. And who can speak of His descendants? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people He was stricken.

Choir: *"In Need"*

Gospel Lesson: *John 1: 29-36 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.' I myself did not know Him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that He might be revealed to Israel."*

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on Him. I would not have known Him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

Hymn: *Tune 445*

God the Father chose to save us With a Plan to cleanse our sin.
It was not from works that we'd do But the Cross where He would win.
From His grace He'd freely give us Life in Him forevermore.
Bringing hope to all the sinners Who in faith walked through His "door".

Jesus was **the Lamb of God** who, Shed His blood that we might live
Cleansing us from sin and evil Showing us He will forgive
He is Lord, He is our Savior, He's the King from up above
He will stand in heaven forever Bringing to His own His love.

God the Father planned salvation Through the work of His own Son
He would rescue all those sinners Who'd be bound to Him as One.
God the Father placed in motion All the work that must be done
To bring life and hope forever And bring honor to His Son.

Sermon- *"Jesus the Lamb of God"*

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *"Not All the Blood of Beasts" 431 vs. 4, 5*

My soul looks back to see The burden You did bear
When hanging on the cursed tree; I know my guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice And sing His bleeding love.

Closing Prayer: - *Gracious Father, we humbly thank and praise You for giving to us the gift of Your Son, who willingly came as the Redeemer who would walk the path to the Cross. Lead us Lord to rejoice in the blessing we have received and may Your grace guide us in willingly forgiving others as You have forgiven us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

Benediction – Choir – *"At the Foot of the Cross"*

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