

# Lent at St. Paul's Lutheran - Cudahy

February 17, 2021



Today, we follow the example of believers of the past and make use of this day to think about our own sins, confess our knowledge of them, admit to the curse they carry, but also to recall the source of their cure.

## OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

M: We gather with heavy hearts and heads bowed in humility to worship on this Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten Season. Here, we witness the depth of our sins and the height of Jesus' love. With the sackcloth and ashes of true repentance we come into your presence, O God, using your Word - Psalm 51, and our Hymn of Confession, to express our unworthiness.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love, according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. (51:1,2)

♪ **With broken heart and contrite sigh, (303)  
A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.  
Your pard'ning grace is rich and free –  
O God, be merciful to me!**

M: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. (51:3,4)

♪ **I smite upon my troubled breast,  
With deep and conscious guilt oppressed,  
Christ and his cross my only plea –  
O God, be merciful to me!**

M: Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. (51:5,6)

♪ **Far off I stand with tearful eyes  
Nor dare uplift them to the skies;  
But all my anguish, Lord, you see –  
O God, be merciful to me!**

M: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquity. (51:7-9)

♪ **No gifts, no deeds that I have done  
Can for a single sin atone.  
To Calvary alone I flee –  
O God, be merciful to me!**

M: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (51:10-12)

*Silence for meditation.*

M: The almighty God has been merciful to you and has sent his Son to die for you. For his sake, God forgives your sins and calls you from the darkness of sin into his marvelous light.

Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins.  
Be assured that you are dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

♪ **And when, redeemed from sin and hell,  
With all the ransomed throng I dwell,  
My joyous song shall ever be:  
GOD HAS BEEN MERCIFUL TO ME!**

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON / TODAY'S MESSAGE – Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup>If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup>The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup>Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup>Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup>That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. <sup>10</sup>Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

<sup>12</sup>“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.

#### RESPONSE TO THE WORD (tune: 454)

♪ **Behold, redemption's road  
On which our Savior strode  
To death and grave he goes  
To pay the debt we owe.  
The price our souls to gain  
Was cross, and lash and shame.**

PRAYER

M: Lord, as we enter into this Lenten season, be near to us. We confessed that we've fallen short of your glory and heard your sweet forgiving love. We've heard your Old Testament promise and responded to you in song. Help us and by your Holy Spirit give us ears that hear and hearts that believe today's message. Help us also keep both the weight of this season and the joy of this season in our hearts as we move through these six weeks. In our Savior's name we pray.

C: Amen

HYMN OF THE DAY – "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" (100)



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, Our guilt and  
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of  
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what



e - vil bear - ing And, lad - en with the sins of earth,  
God, our Sav - ior; Him God the Fa - ther chose to send  
you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;



None else the bur - den shar - ing. Goes pa - tient on,  
To gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"  
I'll do what you have asked me." O won - drous Love,



grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,  
the Fa - ther said, "And free my chil - dren from their dread  
what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,



That spot - less life to of - fer, Bears shame and stripes  
Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes  
De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong



and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er - y and says,  
are hard to bear, But by your pas - sion they will share  
you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave



"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."  
The fruit of your sal - va - tion."  
Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.

# ROAD TO REDEMPTION: WEEK ONE

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## TODAY'S LENTEN LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

## TODAY'S LENTEN MESSAGE

"From Lamb to Lamb" (Upper Room)



## RESPONSE TO THE WORD (Tune: 454)

♪ **Recall the ancient feast!**  
**The bread made without yeast!**  
**Christ is the Pascal Lamb!**  
**The seed of Abraham.**  
**His blood is on the door**  
**In Him death passes o'er.**

♪ **How wondrous are the ways**  
**That God his people saves**  
**And what does God us owe?**  
**And who His mind has known?**  
**With humble praise now shout**  
**These paths He has traced out!**

## PRAYER

M: Great Liberator of the Soul, in ancient times you, by the blood of the Passover lamb, caused death to Passover your people and lead them into freedom. We praise you now for providing yourself as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Let the precious blood of your covenant – which you have painted upon the doorposts and doorframes of our heart in Holy Baptism, which you have delivered to us in, with and under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, which you announce to us again and again in the preaching of your holy Gospel – always keep us within the family of faith, your church, as we are lead through the desert to the promised land.

M: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

G Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your  
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on

earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our  
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as  
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us  
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from  
e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are  
yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**M:** We have gathered to hear God's Word and receive the body and blood of our Lord. We have taken refuge in the mercy of God. If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand?

**C:** **But with you there is forgiveness.**

**M:** Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate,

**C:** **Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **Amen.**

#### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**M:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C:** **Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**



HYMN – “Not All the Blood of Beasts” (128)

1 Not all the blood of beasts On Is - rael's  
 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our  
 3 In faith I place my hand On that dear  
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den  
 5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the

al - tars slain Could give the guilt - y con - science  
 sins a - way, A sac - ri - fice of no - bler  
 head di - vine, As pen - i - tent - ly here I  
 you did bear When hang - ing on the curs - ed  
 curse re - move; We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful

peace Or wash a - way the stain.  
 name And rich - er blood than they.  
 stand And lay on him my sin.  
 tree— I know my guilt was there!  
 voice And sing his bleed - ing love.

RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF SIMEON

**G** In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser-vant now de -  
 part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -  
 va - tion, which you have pre-pared for ev-'ry peo-ple, a  
 light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo-ry of your peo-ple  
 Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**M:** God, our Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you reconciled the world to yourself. We thank you for the precious gifts of forgiveness and a stronger faith that we receive through your Supper. Refresh us with the joy of salvation that we walk together with our brothers and sisters here at St. Paul's. Renew our minds and wills that we may speak your Word of peace that many may see our example, hear your good news, and be saved.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

**M:** Let the blessing of the Almighty be upon us,  
His strength to guide and guard us as we pass through these days of Lent.

**C: Amen.**

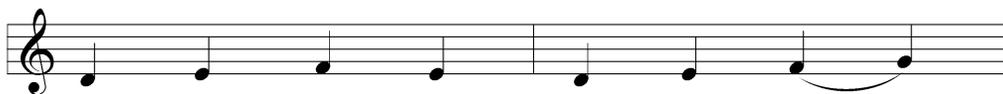
## CLOSING HYMN - "The Lamb" (714)



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their  
4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and  
5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now

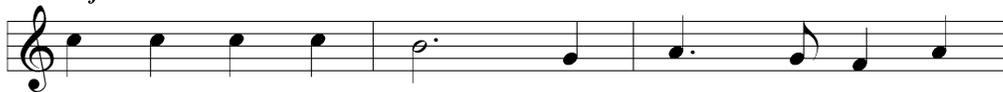


sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God  
of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let  
shep - herd kill So still, his will, On  
wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He  
o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til



will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
earth join heav'n his praise to sing.  
our be - half the law to fill.  
gives me his own right - eous - ness.  
ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

### *Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.



February 17 .....	“From Lamb to Lamb” [Upper Room]
February 24....	“From Garden to Garden” [Gethsemane]
March 3.....	“From Silence to Silence” [Trial]
March 10 .....	“From King to King” [Pilate]
March 17 .....	“From Pole to Pole” [Crucifixion]
March 24.....	“From Seal to Seal” [Death/Burial]

