

LENT EVENING BULLETIN, 4th Wednesday in Lent, March 13
The Lamb of God Who Bears Our Sins Away

(P: pastor; C: congregation)

Psalm 103 (1-12)

(the pastor and congregation recite the psalm together)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

² **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

³ **who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,**

⁴ **who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

⁵ **who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

⁶ **The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ **He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.**

⁸ **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹ **He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

¹⁰ **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

¹² **as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

PSALM PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Lord, you have compassion for the sinner, as a father has compassion for his children. Heal the weakness of your people and save us from everlasting death, that with the saints and angels we may praise and glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

All sit

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 22: 7-14

And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.⁹ 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.¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."¹² 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."¹³ 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.¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

SECOND LESSON: John 1: 29-37

The next day he 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 ranks before me, because he was before me.'³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."³² And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him."³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

All who are able, stand

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1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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SERMON

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

P: O Lord, when the guilty was chosen instead of Your Son and He went to the cross, we saw both the depth of our sin and the greatness of Your mercy. Deliver us from every pride and arrogance that in humility of faith and repentance we may abide in Christ and He in us all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

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