

"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."—John 1:29

Twila Paris

LAMB OF GOD
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1 Your on-ly Son no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your
2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and scorned Him as He
3 I was so lost I should have died, But You have brought me to Your

1 side To walk up - on this guilt - y sod And to be -
2 died, The hum-ble King they named a fraud And sac - ri -
3 side To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be

1 come the Lamb of God.
2 ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of
3 called a lamb of God.

God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. O wash me in His pre-cious

blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.
(3) till I am just a lamb of God.

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JESUS CHRIST: HIS SUFFERING AND DEATH

Good Friday Tenebrae Service
St John's Reformed Church, Loysburg, PA
Rev. Dr. David M. Meckley, Pastor
March 29, 2024, 7:00 PM

Tenebrae means “darkness” or “shadow”. As the service progresses, candles are extinguished and the sanctuary darkened. At last, the Christ candle is removed and the strepitus is heard, a harsh noise representative of the closing of the tomb and the subsequent earthquake. The Christ candle is brought back into the sanctuary in anticipation of our Lord’s resurrection.

First Reading: **John 18:1-12**

Jack Styer

Hymn: E&R #144 *Go to Dark Gethsemane* (vs. 1, 2, 3)

First Candle extinguished

Second Reading: **John 18:13-18**

Mava Cottle

Choir Anthem:

Easter Hallelujah

Second Candle extinguished

Third Reading: **John 18:19-24**

Beth Clark

Hymn: *Lamb of God* (vs. 1 & 2) (See Back of Bulletin)

Third Candle extinguished

Fourth Reading: **John 18:25-27**

Laurie Stiles

Reading: *Judas, Peter* – by Luci Shaw

Fourth Candle extinguished

Fifth Reading: **John 18:28-40**

Marsie Albright

Hymn: FHP#297 *My Jesus, I Love Thee* (vs. 1 & 2)

Fifth Candle extinguished

Sixth Reading: **John 19:1-16**

Chris Kurtz

Hymn: FHP#94 *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?*

Sixth Candle extinguished

Seventh Reading: **John 19:17-27**

Brad Gable

Hymn: FHP#413 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (vs. 1 & 3)

Seventh Candle extinguished

Eighth Reading: **John 19:28-37**

Steve Rodgers

Hymn: FHP#338 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Eighth Candle extinguished

Ninth Reading: **Psalms 22:1-21**

Cindy Johnson

Hymn: *Were You There*

Were You There Negro spiritual

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Ninth Candle extinguished

Tenth Reading: **John 19:38-42**

Beverly Smith

Christ candle is removed from sanctuary.

Strepitus is heard.

(Pause of quiet and darkness)

Christ Candle is returned to sanctuary.

Reading: **1 Peter 1: 18-21**

Joel Ritchey

All Leave In Silence

Easter Events

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30,
10:00 a.m., at the pavilion behind the So.
Cove Fire Co. Fire Hall.

Resurrection Sunday, March 31

Sunrise Service, 8:00 a.m., in pavilion,
followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

Worship Service/Pew Communion,
9:30 a.m.

Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., for all ages

“Judas, Peter”

Because we are all
betrayers, taking
silver, and eating
body and blood, and asking
(guilty) is it I, and hearing
him say yes,
it would be simple for us all
to rush out
and hang ourselves.

But if we find grace
to cry and wait
after the voice of morning
has crowed in our ears
clearly enough
to break our hearts,
he will be there
to ask us each, again,
do you love me?

—Luci Shaw