

*Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church
A Service for Good Friday
March 29, 2024
12:00 Noon*

The Prelude: Amy Reber, piano

Interlude
By Mark Hayes

Welcome: Travis Skillingsstad

Call to Worship: Isaiah 53:1, 4-5

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Invocation

Hymn

Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

(Chorus)

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned him as he died;
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

(Chorus)

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

(Chorus)
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood.
Till I am just a lamb of God.

Confession of Sin: Pastor Mike Palombo

Need of Confession: Romans 3:23

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. (The Book of Common Worship, 1946).

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:6

⁶ 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.

Choral Anthem: Chancel Choir, Carlton Curtis, tenor soloist

Home (The Arms of God)

By Heather Sorenson

Scripture Reading: Pastor Jeff Birch

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Luke 23:44-46

Choral Anthem

What Wondrous Love Is This?

Traditional Folk Hymn, additional words, and music by Heather Sorenson

Homily: The Death of Jesus

Hymn 254

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,

And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died
For man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While his dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.

Benediction

Postlude

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Though we depart in the shadow of the cross and the silence of the tomb, we invite you to come and worship with us as we celebrate the light and hope of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday, at 10:30 AM. There will be a pre-service Brunch at 9:00 AM. All are welcome to join us.