

Worshipping in the Glory of The Cross

Our celebration of events around Easter must always begin with the sacrificial purpose of Christ's coming to earth. He did not come to earth to start a political or military revolution, or take up the sword to bring an immediate judgment of all evil in our day, or to make a name for Himself as a human leader. He came to earth to glorify God His Father, and to serve His Father's will by dying for the sins of His people, thereby purchasing the church for Himself with the price of His blood. It is for this sacrificial and saving work that Christ was "ordained as the Lamb from the foundation of the world" (1 Peter 1:20).

KEY PHRASES FOR TODAY'S SERMON

"Sowing In Tears" (Jn 12:12-26; Jn 12:27 & 2 Timothy 1:4)

"The Offspring of David" (Ps 126:5 & 2 Timothy 2:1-8)

"Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done." (Jn 12:1-23, 28-36)

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GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude, Announcements & Silent Reflection

Salutation & Call to Worship

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*** Opening Song**

Lamb of God

8 Covenant Praises (all verses)

1 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

2 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: Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

3 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]****

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Invocation & Reading of God's Law

Jn 12:33-36 (p 1068 pew Bible)

We Confess Our Sin

Psalm 69:1-21 (p 371 pew Bible)

Assurance of Pardon

We Petition God

Congregational Prayer

Offering & Hymn

I Know Whom I Have Believed

705 Trinity Hymnal (vv. 1, 2)

1 I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he has made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

Refrain: But "I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day."

2 I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,

nor how believing in his Word wrought peace within my heart. [Refrain] **

Reaffirmation of Faith

* *Gloria Patri* #735 *Trinity Hymnal*

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

* **Hymn of Preparation** *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*

#279 *Trinity Hymnal* (vv 1 - 3)

1 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands, for our offenses given;
but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heaven;
therefore let us joyful be and sing to God right thankfully
loud songs of hallelujah. Hallelujah!

2 It was a strange and dreadful strife when life and death contended;
the victory remained with life, the reign of death was ended;
Holy Scripture plainly saith that death is swallowed up by death,
his sting is lost forever. Hallelujah!

3 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see, whom God so freely gave us;
he died on the accursed tree - So strong his love! — to save us.
See, his blood doth mark our door; faith points to it, death passes o'er,
and Satan cannot harm us. Hallelujah! **

* Prayer For Illumination

Scripture John 12:9-28 (p 1068 pew Bible)

Sermon Christ's Cross Vindicated: Everything He Touches Turns to Life

Prayer of Application

***Closing Hymn** (Ps 126:5) *Although We Are Weeping, Lord Help us Keep Sowing*

1 Our mouths they were filled filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed loosed with joy
Restore us O Lord Restore us O Lord

Chorus Although we are weeping Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your kingdom For the day You will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry Lord please do not tarry

2

All those who sow weeping Will go out with songs of joy

2 The nations will say He has done great things
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us O Lord Restore us O Lord

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* **Benediction**

* *Doxology* #731 *Trinity Hymnal*

* Please stand if able

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