God Sets Forth His Lamb to Die and Then to Rule (Pt 2)

John 11:55-12:8; John 12:27-31 & Matthew 26:1-5

Children's Sermon: "Some said that it had thundered…" John 12:29
Review: "I know that you always hear me." John 11:42

Introduction: "Cries of Christ Arousing The Father's Rule" (John 12:27-31)

I. Though uttered in complete isolation - *"Lord, by this time there will be an odor."* *(and) "Saying it had thundered, or an angel had spoken to Him."*

II. Though uttered from a heart & lips of real, human grief (John 12:27)

III. Yet all sovereignly timed - When His Son needed rest, God ensured His foes were barred from arresting Christ during Passover - too great a risk of riots since Christ was so popular with the masses (Matthew 26:5). Thus Jesus was refreshed and enjoyed loving communion with Lazarus and his sisters (John 12:1-3) while His foes stewed.

But When the time came for Satan to enter Judas, and for our Lord's command to be given, "What you do, do quickly," (John 13:27) the religious leaders had already agreed with Christ's betrayer that His arrest should take place on the evening of the Passover Sabbath. Thus all their scheming played right into God's hands: The "Lamb" who takes away the sins of the world died on Passover!

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LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP
November 22, 2026

COVENANT ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Welcome, Prelude & Salutation

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*** Opening Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation*
# 94 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1-4, 6)

1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

6 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake." **

Invocation & Reading of God's Law Exodus 12:1-7 (p 63 pew Bible)

Confession of Sin *(unison)* Isaiah 53:1-6 (p 729 pew Bible)

Assurance of Pardon John 12:7-8 (p 1068 pew Bible)

*** Hymn of Response** *It is Good*
 # 18 COPC Praises (all verses)

We Petition God Congregational Prayer

Offering & Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God*
98 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1-2)

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next. **

*** *Gloria Patri*** #735 *Trinity Hymnal*

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

*** Prayer for Illumination**

Scriptures John 11:55-12:8; 12:27-31 (p 1067-8 pew Bible)
Matthew 26:1-5 (p 988 pew Bible)

Sermon God Sets Forth His Lamb to Die and Then to Rule (Pt 2)

Prayer of Application

*** Closing Song** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* (all verses)
# 22 *Covenant Praises*

1 Jesus lover of my soul Let me flee unto Your side
While the waters o'er me roll While the tempest still is high
Hide me O my Savior Hide till the storm of life be past
Safe into the harbor guide O receive my soul at last

2 Other refuge I have none Hangs my helpless soul on You
Leave ah leave me not alone Still support and comfort me
All my trust on You is stayed All my help from You I bring
Cover my defenseless head With the shadow of Your wing

3 You O Christ are all I want More than all in You I find
Raise the fallen cheer the faint Heal the sick and lead the blind
Just and holy is Your name I am all unrighteousness
False and full of sin am I You are full of truth and grace

4 Grace so full with You is found Grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound Make and keep me pure within
Can I doubt Your love for me When I trace that love's design
By the cross of Calvary I am Yours and You are mine

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*** Benediction**

*** *Doxology*** #731 *Trinity Hymnal*

* Please stand if able

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Reflecting on God's Voice & Signs Failing to Get Attention

Martin Luther ~ John 12:29

The first thing for us to understand is that although the signs preceding the judgment day are many and great, they will all be fulfilled, even though none or very few men take note of or esteem them as such. For two things must take place according to the Word and prophecy of Christ and the apostles: First, that many and great signs will be made manifest; and secondly, that the last day will come unawares, the world's not expecting it, even though that day be at the door. Though men see these signs, yea, be told that they are signs of the last day, still they will not believe, but in their security mockingly say to Christians,

> 'You fool, have you fear that the heavens will fall and that we shall live to see that day?'