

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants. Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy, let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory to the Lord, and declare his praise in the coastlands.” — Isaiah 42:10-12

SONG OF WORSHIP

“And Can It Be”

Charles Wesley, Public Domain

Verse 1

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

Chorus

Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

Verse 2

He left His Father's throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself in perfect love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me

Chorus

Verse 3

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee

Chorus

Verse 4

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head

And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own

Chorus 2x

CORPORATE CONFESSION

“Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.” — Worship Sourcebook #37

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” — Romans 8:1

SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 53:3-10

PASTORAL PRAYER – Decatur 9:15 - Scottie Hubbard, Elder; Madison 10:45 - Paul Cheshier, Catalyst Pastor

New Missionaries: Michael & Maegan Cody Campus Outreach, South Africa

SONG OF WORSHIP

“Man of Sorrows”

Matt Crocker and Brooke Ligertwood, 2012

Verse 1

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Verse 2

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Chorus

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee

Verse 3

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

Chorus

Bridge 2x

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed

Chorus

Verse 4

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave

Chorus

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON OUTLINE

“Why is Jesus Called the Lamb of God?” John 1:29-34

BAPTISM VIDEO – Stella McDonald
Andy Wisner, Biblical Counseling Pastor

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Before the Throne of God Above”
Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook, 1997

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Whoever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Verse 3

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of Glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

BENEDICTION

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:20

Decatur Campus Worship Team (9:15 Livestream):

Stan Anderson, Drums; Eleanor Hellard, Piano; Jeff Hodge, Vocals & Acoustic Guitar; Frank Roberts, Lead Guitar; Glenn Hill, Bass Guitar; Matt Jared, Vocals; Kim Hill Vocals.

Madison Campus Worship Team (10:45 Livestream):

Taylor Acker, Lead Guitar; Drew Atchley, Bass Guitar; Marty Baugh, Drum; Barry Byrd, Vocals & Acoustic Guitar; Meg Jones, Piano; Melissa West, Vocals.

Field House Worship Team - Marci Annett, Piano; Jeremy Gilbert, Acoustic Guitar & Vocals; David Linderman, Lead Guitar; Lorriane Sparkman, Vocals; Scott Sullivan, Drums & Vocals.

I Believe: The Case for Well-Informed Faith
Why is Jesus Called the Lamb of God?

John 1:29-34
The Lord's Day Morning
January 3, 2021

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

–John 20:30,31

John the Baptist was a Jew who focused his ministry on the Jewish people who were saturated with the Jewish Scriptures (our Old Testament). So, when John the Baptist calls Jesus the Lamb of God, they immediately think of all the lambs of God in the sacrificial system that God gave them through Moses. Annually, they celebrated the Passover with the sacrifice of lambs (Exodus 12:13). Daily, they offered lambs in the morning and evening, as a burnt offering to God (Exodus 29:39). All of these lambs of God were designed to prepare them for the Lamb of God who would be the final sacrifice who would take away the sin of the world, not just of the Jewish people. The Jewish Messiah is for the whole world. The lambs of God foreshadow Jesus in four ways:

1. Lambs were _____ by God.
2. Lambs were _____ in their class.
3. Lambs were _____ for sinners.
4. Lambs were _____ with death.