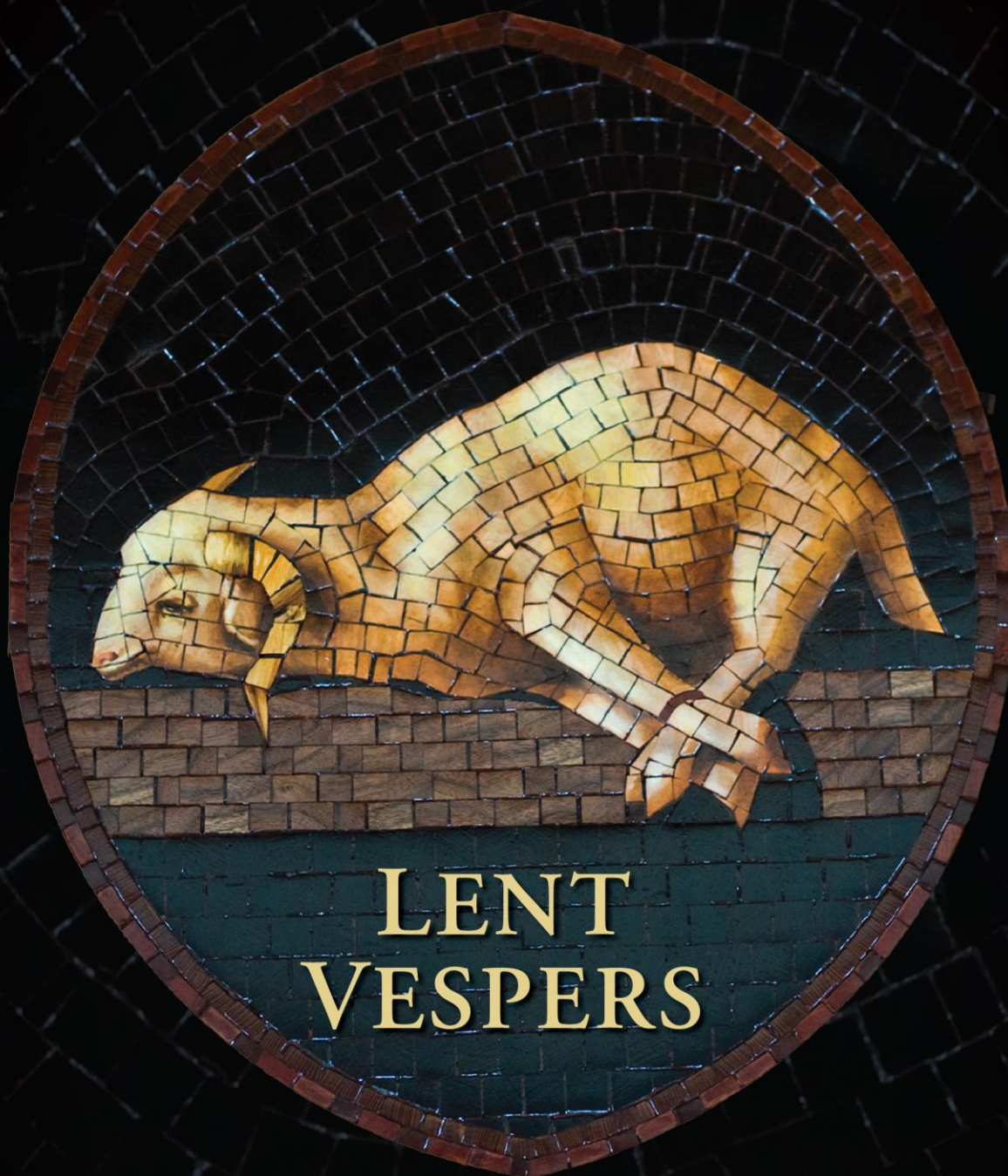


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DAVID VON KAMPEN'S CANTATA
A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH



APRIL 4, 2023, AT 7:30 PM
CHAPEL OF THE CHRIST

Lent Vespers

Martin Luther College

Remain seated

Opening Sentences



Introit Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina (Lord, My God, Assist Me Now)

Il Padre Giovanni Battista Martini (1706-1784)

Edited by John Castellini

Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, and now, and always,
and for generations of generations. Amen.*

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Stand

Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Psalm 141

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up
of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

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Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Be seated

Reading

Genesis 22:1–18

¹Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

²Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

³Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in

the distance. ⁵He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

⁶Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

⁹When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

¹⁰Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

¹²"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

¹³Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

¹⁵The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Reading

John 1:29–36

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

³²Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

LOOK,
THE LAMB
OF GOD

Cantata

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Music by David von Kampen (b. 1986)

Texts from Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676),

Genesis 22, Isaiah 53

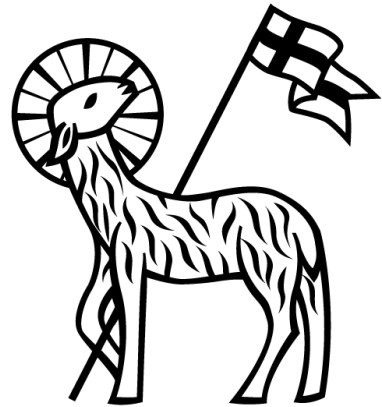
Tune: AN WASSERFLÜSSEN BABYLON

Wolfgang Dachstein (1487-1553)

1. Opening

2. A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of sinners bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing:
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer,
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies,
"All this I gladly suffer."



3. God Will Provide Himself a Lamb

And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said,
"My father," and he said,
"Here am I, my son."
And he said,
"Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"
"My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering."
So they went both of them together.

4. This Lamb Is Christ

This lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,
The Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send
To gain for us his favor.
"Go forth, my Son," the Father said,
"And free my children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation."
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by your passion they will share
The fruit of your salvation.

5. He Was Despised and Rejected

Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant,

And like a root out of dry ground;
 He had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
 And no beauty that we should desire him.
 He was despised and rejected by men;
 A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
 And as one from whom men hide their faces.
 He was despised and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
 Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
 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.

6. O Wondrous Love

O wondrous Love, what have you done!
 The Father offers up his Son, desiring our salvation.
 O Love, how strong you are to save!
 You lay the One into the grave, who built the earth's foundation.

7. Chorale

Stand and join to sing:

Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And taste Your king - dom's
 plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al robe shall be, My
 joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be -
 fore Your throne, your righ - teous - ness shall be my crown; With these I need not
 hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As your own
 bride shall we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the leaders of our synod and college, for all teachers in Christ, for all who are servants of the Church, and for all the people of God, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all who govern our nation and for all public servants, that they may be upheld and strengthened for every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works, those who toil, those who sing, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.

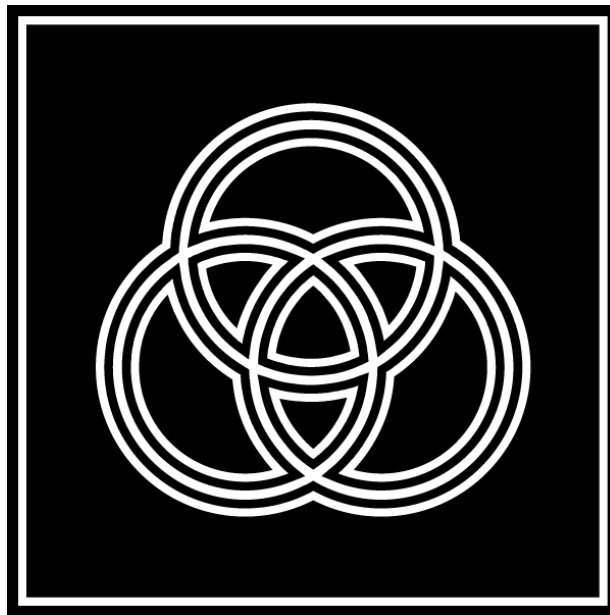
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for Peace

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.



Song of Simeon

Join to sing in parts:

O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in peace as - sured.

For I have seen your pro - mised in car - nate sav - ing Word;

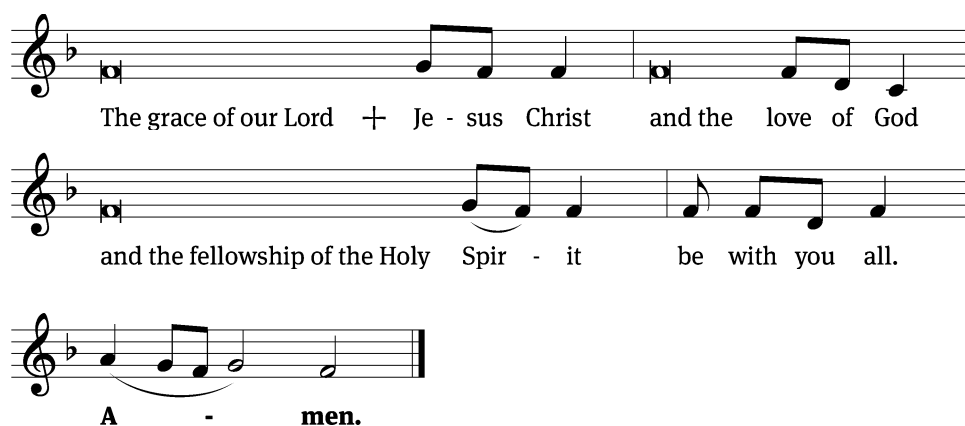
A Light that will en - light - en all gloom where Gen - tiles dwell;

The bril - liant, crow - ning glo - ry of those in Is - ra - el.

Blessing

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Be seated

Closing Hymn

The Blood of the Lamb (CW 418)

Text by Laurie F. Gauger

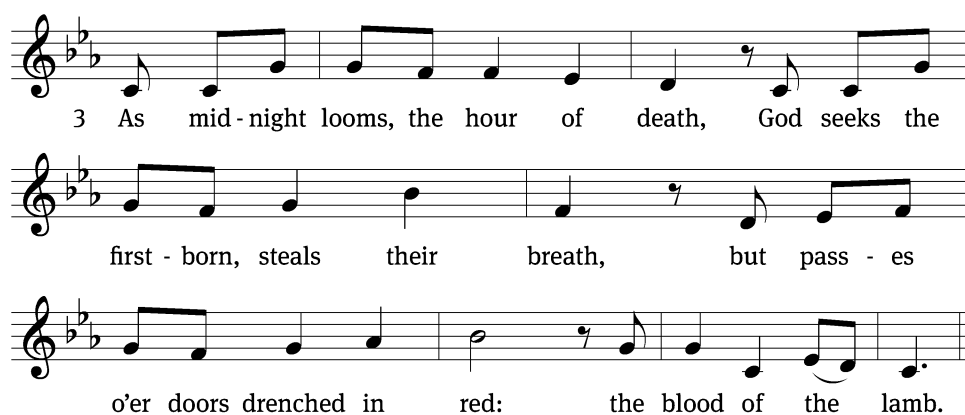
Tune by Sarah R. Lambrecht

Arr. by Jeremy S. Bakken

The choir sings the hymn. Please join to sing stanza 3.

- 1 The Father sees his children's chains.
From Pharaoh's land they cry in pain.
To rescue them, he makes a way:
the blood of the lamb.

- 2 The lamb is slain as sun is set—
a perfect lamb, without defect.
They stain their doors with innocence:
the blood of the lamb.



- 4 Children of God, we too were slaves:
Our master—sin! Our end—the grave!
But freedom came in crimson shades:
the blood of the Lamb.

- 5 This perfect Lamb is Jesus Christ.
 He gave himself as sacrifice.
 His life poured out, the final price:
 the blood of the Lamb.
- 6 The blood he spilled, the life he spent,
 he gives us now in sacrament.
 Eternal life on Christ depends:
 the blood of the Lamb.

Tune: Sarah R. Lambrecht, b. 1975

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