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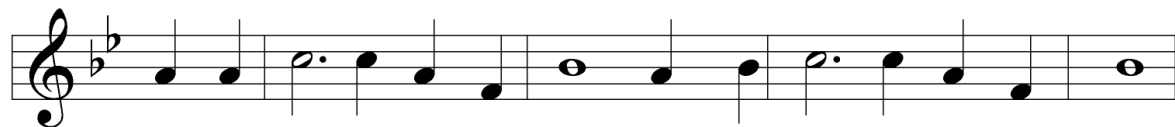
*P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.*

C: Amen

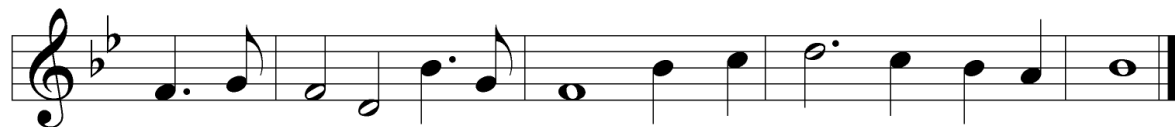
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fil Thy Law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood From Thy riv - en side which flowed
Could my zeal no re - spite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly— Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee!

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–78, alt.
Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1822
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TOPLADY
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1 Cor. 10:4

POSTLUDE:

“First Gregorian Mode”

- A. Gilman

Jesus—The Lamb of God

TAKE HOME TRUTHS:

Because Jesus is the Lamb of God for me, I can...



1. Live as a _____ !

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ. Ephesians 1:7–9

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 1 Peter 1:18–20

2. Live as a _____ !

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 4:32–5:2

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:13–14

3. Live as a _____ !

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. Psalm 32:1–2

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb... “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Revelation 7:13–14, 22:14

PRELUDE: "Thanks Be To God"
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
OPENING PRAYER & HYMN:

-G.F. Handel

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at Your word We have come a - gain to
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of light from God pro -
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to You and a - dor -



hear You; Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred And in
 shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks the night, Fil - ling
 ceed - ing, Je - sus, send Your bless - ed light; Help our
 a - tion! Grant us what we need the most: Your blest



glow - ing faith be near You As the prom - is - es here
 us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and all good
 hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, That our prayers and songs may
 Gos - pel's con - so - la - tion While we here on earth a -



giv - en Draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 liv - ing Come but by Your gra - cious giv - ing.
 please You As with grate - ful hearts we praise You.
 wait You Till in heav'n with praise we greet You.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-84, sts. 1-3; *Berliner Gesangbuch*, 1707, st. 4;
 tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-78, adapt.
 Tune: Johann R. Ahle, 1625-73

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THE OFFERING IS GATHERED:

*(Please use this time to fill out the Connect Card to register your presence with us today.
 You may place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher.)*

THE OFFERATORY: "Shepherd of Souls, in Love, Come, Feed Us" -E. Englert

THE PRAYERS

+ LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

+ THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The AGNUS DEI is sung.

**Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world—have mercy on us
 Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world—have mercy on us
 Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world—grant us peace.**



Holy Communion is served.

COMMUNION HYMN:

"Just As I Am"
(words on screen)

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+ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

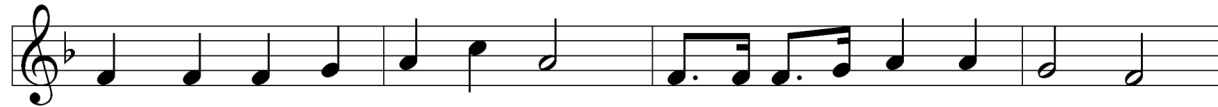
P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of His Body and Blood may abide in Him and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life, now and forever.

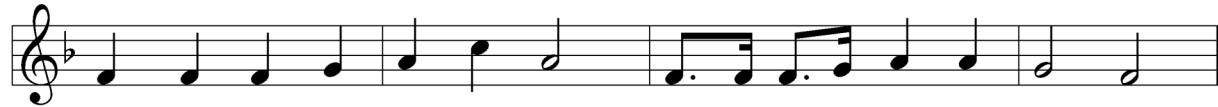
C: Amen.

SERMON HYMN:

What Can Wash Away My Sin? *Nothing but the Blood*



1 What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 2 For my par - don this I see: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 3 Noth-ing can for sin a - tone: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 4 This is all my hope and peace: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.



What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 For my cleans-ing this my plea: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 Naught of good that I have done: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 This is all my righ-teous-ness: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Refrain

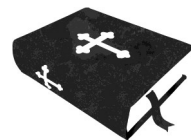


Oh, pre - cious is the flow that makes me bright as snow;



no oth - er fount I know: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: PLAINFIELD, Robert Lowry, 1826–1899



MESSAGE:

“Jesus—The Lamb of God!” - Pastor Jonathan Beyer

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 103 selected verses)*

P: Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
C: Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

P: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

C: Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

P: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

C: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

P: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

C: As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

P: From everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him,

C: And his righteousness with their children's children. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins before God our Father.

C: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and have fallen short of the holiness you desire. You have given us your Son, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, yet we often cling to our selfish ways and ignore the call to follow his sacrificial love. Renew our hearts by your Spirit, and lead us to walk in the light of Christ, our Redeemer and Shepherd. Amen.

P: Hear the good news. You have been washed clean by the blood of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain. You are forgiven, restored, and welcomed into God's family forever. As a called servant of Christ, I can announce the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

King Jesus, you conquered sin not by force but by faithful obedience and perfect love. Teach us to follow your way of humility and to trust in your power to save. May our worship honor you, and may our lives reflect your glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 12: 1-3, 6-8, 11-13

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household... Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast... This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover. “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 1:13-21

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

ALLELUIA VERSE:

C: Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C: Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:29-39

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And 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.’ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.” The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

****Children are now excused for Treehouse Kids Church.****