

Look, the Lamb of God (Meditation)

Choose a principal reader A and four other readers B, C, D, E (if not enough people, double up).

This meditation takes four different pictures of Jesus and allows John's words to be associated with them, in order to portray that these words were true for the whole of Jesus' life and not just for its ending.

Read the following meditation:–

- A. Watched by shepherds,
He is lying in wool
He is gurgling, laughing, crying,
Wetting himself, wearying his mother.
It is a very old man who recognizes
The very young baby.
- B. This child has been chosen by God
For the destruction of some
and the salvation of many.
- All. Behold the Lamb of God who takes
away the sin of the world.
- A. He is speaking in the synagogue.
He is preaching from the prophets;
he is discovering how his words
do not please religious people.
- C. Who does he think he is?
- D. I think we've heard enough!
- C. Show him the door!
- D. Show him the hill!
- All. Behold the Lamb of God who takes
away the sin of the world.
- A. He is walking through the streets which
most decent folk avoid.
He is listening to the cries of all those
who go unheard.
- B. Touch me, Jesus.
- C. Heal me, Jesus.
- D. Lord, let me see again.
- B. Lord, make me well again.
- E. Jesus, it's my child!
- All. Behold the Lamb of God who takes
away the sin of the world.
- A. He is confronting his fiercest critics.
They have tongues as sharp as razors.
They have plans
in case their tongues are not enough.
- C. Why do you eat with the riff-raff?
- D. Why do you call yourself God's son?
- C. Why do you violate our traditions?
- D. Why don't you take us seriously?
Judas? ... Judas? ... we've a job for you.
- All. Behold the Lamb of God who takes
away the sin of the world.
- A. This is him,
from Bethlehem to Bethany,
from Jerusalem to Jericho,
from Capernaum to Calvary,
from Golgotha to the grave,
from heaven to hell and back again;
saying,
'I am the Way ... follow me.
I am the Truth ... believe me.
I am the Life ... receive me.'
- All. Behold the Lamb of God who takes
away the sin of the world.