

MARCH 17, 2021 - LENT 4 MIDWEEK SERVICE

Prelude - "Meditation On Pleading Savior" arranged by David Hegarty

Stand

631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

sts. 1, 4-5, 7



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righ-teous-ness;
7 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,

Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleans - ing blood;
Yet, pass - ing, points to that glad feast a - bove,

Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;
Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:
Giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.
Thy blood, Thy righ - teous - ness, O Lord my God.
The Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Versicles

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me O Lord.
- P** Your hands have made and fashioned me;
C give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.
- P** Teach me Your way, O Lord,
C that I may walk in Your truth.
- P** Incline Your ear to me when I call
C and look upon me with the eyes of Your mercy.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-7

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 33:13-15, 18-22

¹³The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;

¹⁴**from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,**

¹⁵he fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.

¹⁸**Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,**

¹⁹He delivers their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

²⁰**Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Epistle

1 Peter 3:8-12a

⁸Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰For

“Whoever desires to love life
and see good days,
let him keep his tongue from evil

and his lips from speaking deceit;
¹¹let him turn away from evil and do good;
 let him seek peace and pursue it.
¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
 and his ears are open to their prayer.
 But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel

John 9:1–11

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
 3 While life’s dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life’s tran - sient dream, When death’s cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row’s
 Shall o’er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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Sermon

Anthem - The Bell Choir Plays “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” tune Hamburg, arranged by Jason Krug

Kneel

Prayers for the Body of Christ

- P** Let us pray for the whole body of Christ and for all people according to their needs.
- P** For all the nations of the world, that their leaders may see with Your eyes of justice and mercy the needs of their people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **O Lord, behold, and have mercy.**
- P** For Your body, the Church, that we may see in our service the coming of Your kingdom to our world, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **O Lord, behold, and have mercy.**
- P** For our congregation, that in seeing the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and the grieving, we may see You in them and welcome our opportunity to serve You, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **O Lord, behold, and have mercy.**
- P** For all who are blind, either physically or spiritually, that You may be seen by them as the light of the world, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **O Lord, behold, and have mercy.**
- P** For the sick, that we may see the fulfillment of Your kingdom through the healing that comes by Your power, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **O Lord, behold, and have mercy.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.**

Benediction

LSB 166

- 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.**

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425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Postlude - "O Christ, Our King, Creator Lord" tune Oakley; setting R. Sensmeier

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