

LENT MIDWEEK 2

February 21, 2024

11:00am



As We Gather – “The Eyes of Christ”

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Our God loves us so much, He physically entered our world to save us. Throughout our Wednesdays in Lent, we will have a series of services to help us take the time to consider our Lord’s humanity and how He used the human body to save us. Each week, we will have responsive verses from God’s Word, Scripture readings, songs, and prayers to focus our attention on: the HEART of Christ, the EYES of Christ, the EARS of Christ, the MOUTH of Christ, the FEET of Christ, and the HANDS of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING VERSICLES

LSB 219



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

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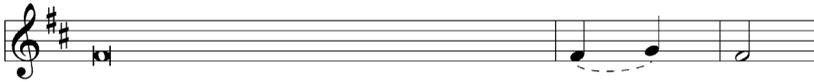
L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

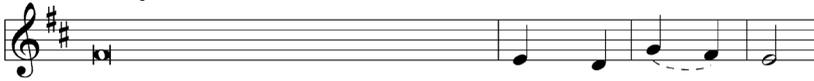
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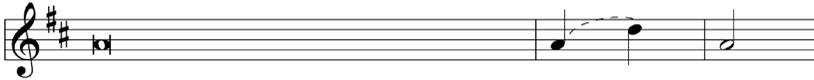
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

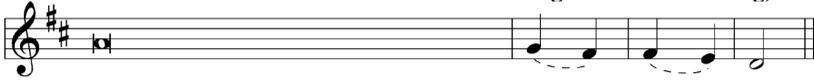


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - - ev - er. A - men.



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

OFFICE HYMN *(Sung to the tune, Southwell, "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" LSB 610)*

Lord Jesus, you draw near us In garb of human flesh,
 An earthly form, to cheer us, To kindle faith afresh.
 Your body for us broken On the accursed tree
 Becomes a sacred token Of glory yet to be.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Sung to the tune, Southwell, "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" LSB 610)*

Behold us, precious Savior, With deep and loving eyes.
 Assure us of your favor When trouble 'round us lies.
 O Word-made-flesh, forever Your name shall be adored.
 Oh, let us cherish ever The eyes of Christ, our Lord.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING, 1 Samuel 16:1–7

L A reading from 1 Samuel, chapter 16.

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.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING, 1 Peter 3:8–12

L A reading from 1 Peter, chapter 3.

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.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

C **The Lord looks down with watchful eye; All things are in his sight.**

P I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

C **Then let our eyes be raised on high To see his saving might.**

GOSPEL READING, John 9:1–11

L A reading from St. John, chapter 9.

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?"⁹ Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man."
¹⁰ So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"¹¹ He 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 O Lord, have mercy on us.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN, LSB 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, "The Eyes of Christ" **Pastor Dan Bodin**

TE DEUM *LSB 223*

C 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise You.

1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl - edge You:

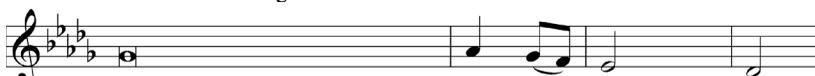
1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there - in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O Christ;



1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



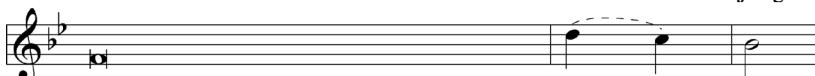
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
 6 We believe that You will come



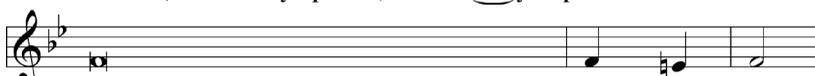
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 6 to be— our— judge.



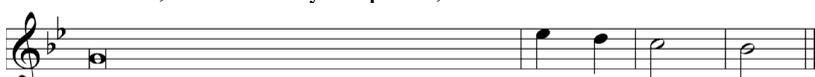
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out— sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on— us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

OFFERING



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 227

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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

- P** Let us pray for the whole body of Christ and for all people according to their needs. 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 (especially...) 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 care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, believing in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

HYMN *(Sung to the tune, Southwell, "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" LSB 610)*

The eyes of Christ, our brother, Behold us from above,
As we view one another With Spirit-given love.
May we, such grace receiving, Become, with one accord,
In all our daily living The Body of the Lord.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord watch over you and protect you.
The Lord look upon you with favor T and give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART, LSB 878, stanzas 1, 6

"Abide With Me"



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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