



LENTEN MIDWEEK

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



Midweek of Lent 5

This Lent, we will use the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly.

We have these forty days of Lent in which we may look within ourselves as people of faith in our day. How are we like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh? Most important, as we gather for worship, we will see what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death.

Today, we learn of Pilate's worldly view and how, to keep his position and placate the Jewish leaders and crowd, he handed Jesus over for crucifixion. The soldiers saw the opposite of a worldly king, but their ironic hailing of Him as "King of the Jews" proclaims who He really is. The world looks for power and glory; God's way is suffering and the cross. Which way do we look in the daily decisions we make?

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T VESPERS T

HYMN

"Glory Be to Jesus"

(LSB 433)

OPENING

P O Lord, open my lips,

C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Psalm 51:15

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Psalm 70:1

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

RESPONSE FOR LENT

P Praise to You, O Christ,

C **Lamb of our salvation.**

T WORD T

(Please be seated)

PSALMODY

Psalm 2

OFFICE HYMN

"What Is the World to Me"

(LSB 730)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

After the reading...

Isaiah 13:9–11

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

1 John 2:15–17

C **Thanks be to God.**

John 18:33–38a

ANTHEM

"Think About His Love"
Will Hanson, guest soloist (11:00 am)

(Walt Harrah)

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 15:1–20

After the reading...

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God**

LENTEN RESPONSORY

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

APOSTLES' CREED *(Please see the inside back cover of your hymnal)*

(Please be seated)

HYMN**"Our Eyes Behold the Savior's Face"***(Lisa M. Clark)*

1 Our eyes be - hold the Sav - ior's face And
 2 Our fo - cus flits and fails to see The
 3 Our sights train on the dread - ful cross. Be -
 4 Our vi - sion blurs with anx - ious tears As
 5 Our view scans for the com - ing Day That



yet can - not per - ceive That His per - spec - tive
 One whose stead - fast gaze Pro - pelled Him to the
 neath His know - ing eyes, Our sins are bare and
 Je - sus' eye - lids fall To con - quer sin and
 ev - er - more grows near, When Je - sus wipes our



held our grace Be - fore we could be - lieve.
 dark - ened tree En - vel - oped in death's haze.
 set for loss; He sees us as His prize.

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SERMON**"Worldly Eyes"***(Mark 15:1–20)**Pastor Sam Handschke***MAGNIFICAT**

(spoken)

C = Congregation, ! = Women, @ = Men

C **My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;**! *for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.*

@ For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

! *For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;*

@ and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

! *He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*

@ He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

! *He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.*

@ He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

- 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.**

OFFERING *We gather our tithes, gifts of love, and our "Building Together in Faith" gifts.*

(Please stand)

KYRIE



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

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- 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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P Lord Jesus Christ, the devil, the world, and our sinful nature constantly lead us to worldliness. Forgive our worldly sins and grant us the gift of heavenly-mindedness so that we might live in the world while not being of the world; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR LENT

- P Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

COLLECT

- P O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

- P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **Amen.**

HYMN

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

(LSB 685)

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Midweek Lenten-Easter Schedule

April 9, 2020

Maundy Thursday

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"More Than Meets the Eye"—Mark 14:22–25

April 10, 2020

Good Friday

7:00 pm

"God's Eyes"—Mark 15:21–39

April 12, 2020

Easter

8:20 am & 11:00 am

"Angel Eyes"—Mark 16:1–8