

*The Worship of God*  
The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2020

Call to Worship

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**God's mercy endures forever.**

Almighty and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of love,  
**that by its cleansing flame we may be healed**  
and made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth,  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We sing your praises, O God:

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory 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.**

Silent Meditation

Hymn

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*It is well, (it is well),  
with my soul, (with my soul),  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin—O, the bliss of this glorious thought,  
my sin—not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

Hearing the Gospel  
John 9:1-7(8-41)

The Word of the Lord for God's People.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Be still and know that I am God.**

**Be still and know that I am.**

**Be still and know.**

**Be still.**

**Be.**

Prayers of Petition and Confession

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger,  
abounding in love.

He will not always accuse us, nor will he harbor his anger forever.

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

**We have put our hope in the Father's love and mercy.**

Knowing that we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize  
with us in our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in  
every way just as we are, we approach his throne of grace with  
confidence that we will receive his mercy and find grace to help us in  
our times of need.

**We have put our hope in the son, our mediator with God.**

As we wait for our redemption, we know that we have a helper who  
helps us in our weakness, and who intercedes for us. For we do not  
know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us  
through wordless groans and he intercedes in accordance with the will  
of God.

**We have put our hope in the Holy Spirit, our helper and counselor.**

As we journey through this season of mourning and repenting, we  
know that we are loved, received, and we are not alone. **Amen**

Praying with the Psalmist (Psalm 23)

Lord, you are my shepherd, **I trust in you.**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

forever.

Lord, you are my shepherd, **I trust in you.**

Response

**Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.**

**O Lord hear my voice, let your ear hear my prayer.**

**Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.**

**God hear our voice, be attentive to our plea.**

Homily

Prayers of Intercession

All that I am Lord: **I place into your hands.**

All that I do Lord: **I place into your hands.**

Everything I work for: **I place into your hands.**

Everything I hope for: **I place into your hands.**

Each that I pray for: **I place into your hands.**

Each that I care for: **I place into your hands.**

**May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever,  
Granting peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.**

**Lift your eyes to see his face, know his grace forever.**

**May the Lord, mighty Lord bless and keep you forever.**



Christ Healing the Man Born Blind

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