

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP 2

A BLIND MAN HEALED

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

Luke 18:35-45

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

YOUTH HOMILY by Lilly St.Clair

When I read this I thought about how the blind man struggled with not being able to see but also needing to depend on others. He might have felt alone, stuck, hopeless, and trapped. We can relate to that too. Lots of us struggle with anxiety, health, relationships, depression, trust and money. But the good news is in, Luke 18:42 it says, "Jesus said to him, Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." This man was blind and Jesus made him see! When you struggle, your faith can heal you too.

You might think that you don't have enough faith but that's not true. Jesus loves you too much. I promise you faith is so powerful. For example, last year I visited camp Ebert and we learned how to ride horses. It wasn't easy it was honestly scary. I felt stuck and hopeless just like the blind man must have felt. At first I focused on the people around me who didn't know how to ride horses either and that didn't help. I needed to focus on the teacher, who could help me learn to ride. Just like the blind man put his trust on Jesus because he knew he could help.

Another way I can relate to the blind man is him reaching out to God. The man had been blind his whole life and wanted to see... that's what he had wanted all along. He chose to reach out to Jesus. And even when he wasn't heard the first time, he kept reaching out. I do that too. I choose to pray for peace for my family, have faith about it and hear Jesus say to me "your faith has saved you".

This all ties into having faith in Jesus and not other people. I'm not saying other people can't help but your main focus is Jesus. Take a moment to imagine Jesus saying to you, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Your faith is enough.

HOMILY *Intern Thomas Johnston*

OFFERING ELW 599 Offering received during Hymn

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,

from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.
Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalmes of David*, 1579, alt.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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Homily	Intern Thomas Johnston

2024 MID-WEEK LENTEN SERIES: GOD IS STILL WITH US

Holden Evening Prayer each Wednesday @ 7pm during Lent

February 28 (7pm) – A Blind Man is Healed – Luke 18:35-43

March 6 (7pm) – Mary, Martha and Lazarus – John 11:3-6, 17-44

March 13 (7pm) – Calming the storm – Mark 4:35-41

March 20 (7pm) – Jesus in the Garden – Mark 14:32-41



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