



October 24, 2021

Eyes to See

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus asks us, as long ago he asked a blind beggar,
"What do you want me to do for you?"

Do you want to be blind or to see? To be a beggar or a giver? To be deceitful or true? Selfish or generous? Fickle or faithful? An exploiter or an enabler? A puppet of peer pressures or a liberated disciple of Christ?

What do you want Christ to do for you?

Your answer may determine whether this hour is fruitful or a waste of time.

The grace and joy of our Saviour Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Great God, holy Friend, please awaken every gram of sincerity within us. May we desire you more than anything else, value you above all earthly ambition and treasure, and adore you with a love which is free of guile or calculation. Through Christ Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Amen!

SONG

As the Deer Pants


<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/597580505/71c1762e44>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we come to you to say sorry. There are those among us who find it extremely hard to admit mistakes and say sorry. There are also some for whom 'sorry' comes too easily, seeking to quickly appease rather than face up to sin and repent. Please work with each of us, as in your insight and compassion you see best, as we now make our common confession.

We are sorry for our participation in the evils of the world around us.

*For our blind acceptance of things that advantage us yet harm others,
for our tolerance of evil in the guise of modernity,
and for our meek alliance with prejudice and discrimination.*



*We are sorry also for our individual sins,
which add to the confusion, anxiety and cynicism of those around us.
We confess that we unload on those who most love us,
hurting the very persons whom we treasure dearly.*

As we now apologise to you, holy Friend, we ask that you help us to apologise to others.

*And let our apologies flow from that painful truth which is repentance,
so that we may make restitution where we can,
and leave the healing to you if things have gone beyond our ability to mend.*

Through Christ Jesus our Redeemer. Amen!

ASSURANCE

Fellow followers of Christ, remember that the same Lord who sets high standards also promises to forgive and restore those who come to him in faith. If we confess our sins he is faithful and consistent and can be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all the garbage of unloving ways. Your sins are indeed forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

The Spirit within me honours the Spirit within you.
(Turn to those around you and greet them with the words above)

SONG

Beauty for Brokenness

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/561154242/ef881d1ca2>

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

(Take this time to pray for the World, your community and friends and family)

OFFERING

God who gives life to all,
who gives the world its life,
who is the life of the whole universe,
we bring our giving to you.
May the giving of ourselves in service to you and your world
be a true giving in joy and humility.
Amen.

READINGS

Mark 10:46-52

Hebrews 7:23-28

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalms 34:1-8, 19-22



REFLECTION

Eyes to See by Rev John Thornton

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/631719242/7c62d8d714>

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Think of a moment when you heard a cry from the roadside. How did you respond?
- As we approach greater freedom to worship face to face, upon which faces will our focus be?
- Seemingly Bartimaeus would have gone on with Jesus to Jerusalem and all that was to see and hear. How do you understand discipleship in our context today?

SILENCE

Now let silence gently enfold us...

May the silence we now share quieten us, touch our need, refresh our courage, and enlarge our wonder.

SONG

Listen to the Spirit

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/552188346/634a7d3aff>

BLESSING

As we prepare to head off along the road of life,
Jesus says to us: "What do you want me to do for you?"
When your answer is in Jesus, you will never walk alone.
Amen!

The grace of Christ be yours wherever you go,
the love of God be yours whatever you do,
the friendship of the Spirit be yours whatever you have to face,
today and always.

Yes, today and always. Amen!

BLESSING SONG

Go Light Your World

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/552171609/a2e6f95786>