

Lenten Midweek Worship | God Be in My Eyes
March 4, 2026

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul

C: And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

L: You redeem my life from the grave,

C: and crown me with mercy and steadfast love.

L: Lord, hear my prayer,

C: And let my cry come before you.

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2 Kings 6:15-17

¹⁵When an attendant of Elisha, the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. His servant said, "Alas, master! What shall we do?" ¹⁶Elisha replied, "Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them." ¹⁷Then Elisha prayed, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Acts 9:1-12, 17-19

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Spoken Meditation – Marcia Marquardt

Visio Divina

We select an image -- of artwork, nature, a photo of a beloved person or pet -- anything we can look at. We then use the same four steps as in lectio divina, just adapted for an image.

- 1) Visio (vision) - What do you notice? What stands out to you?
- 2) Meditatio - What do you wonder? What does the image inspire in you?
- 3) Oratio - What prayers arise within you as you consider the image?
- 4) Contemplatio - Gaze on the image in silence with no expectations, just reverent observation.

We will engage with our images for 4 minutes, 1 minute for each of the 4 steps.

Sarum Prayer

L: God be in my head

C: And in my understanding.

L: God be in my eyes

C: And in my looking.

L: God be in my mouth

C: And in my speaking.

L: God be in my heart

C: And in my thinking.

L: God be at my end

C: And at my departing. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

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L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of the Lord. Amen.

Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light,
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.