Scripture Readings

Luke 18: 35-43

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.

Easter Schedule

Thursday, Apr. 6, at 6:00 p.m. **MAUNDY THURSDAY** Worship service of communion & sacred music followed by a reading of Dante's "Inferno" at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Apr. 7, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY

Meetinghouse open all day for prayer and meditation

Sunday, Apr. 9, at 6:00 a.m. EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT GRISWOLD POINT For directions, call the church at 860-434-8686

> Sunday, Apr. 9, at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. **EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES** Childcare is available at the 9:00 a.m. service and Sunday School will not meet

Easter Memorial Flowers & Music: Anyone can make a donation to the church's Easter flowers and music selections in honor of a loved one. To do so, please contact the church office at fccol@fccol.org or 860-434-8686 to provide your name and the names of the loved ones for whom you would like a memorial or honorary dedication, and to arrange your donation.

Choir Anthems Today

Introit: "Be thou my vision" Irish folk melody arranged by John Rutter (born 1945)

Offertory Anthem: "The Lord is my shepherd" from *Requiem* by John Rutter (born 1945)

Benediction Response: "Adoramus te Christe" by Quirino Gasparini (1749-1770)

Texts:

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save thou that art, Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord. Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might; Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: Be thou mine inheritance now and always; Be thou and thou only the first in my heart: O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won; Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me: Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Adoramus te Christe, et benedicimus tibi, quia per sanctam crucem tuam, redemisti mundum.

We adore you Christ and we bless you, because through your holy cross, you redeemed the world