

# Healing of the Blind Man

by Carl Heinrich  
Bloch, 1871



## THE INTERNATIONAL PROTESTANT CHURCH OF BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2020

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Amazing Grace” (Trad / arr Berry)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Appalachian Sunrise” (Martin)

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 95

*Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.  
For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great Sovereign above all gods.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
3 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me. Lord.  
thou my best thought by day or by night  
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.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## CALL TO PRAYER

*Lord Christ, open our eyes to see clearly the light of the world. Holy Spirit, illumine our minds to perceive God's glory shining among us. Almighty God, prepare our hearts to see, to trust, to worship you, O Lord. Amen.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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. Amen.*

## HYMN

"Open My Eyes"



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou  
2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou  
3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth



hast for me. Place in my hands the won - der - ful key  
send - est clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
ev - ery - where. O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare



that shall un - clasp and set me free.  
ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I  
love with thy chil - dren thus to share.



wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.



O - pen my { eyes;  
ears; } il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
heart; }

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE:

Ephesians 5:8-14

GOSPEL:

John 9:1-41

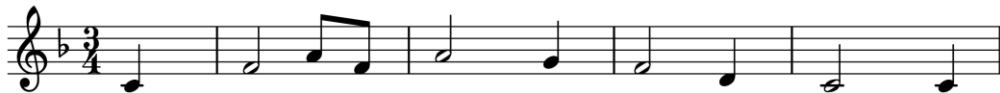
*This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!*

SERMON:

"Now I Can See"

HYMN

"Amazing Grace"



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, God's  
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
word my hope se - cures; God will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

"In Christ Alone" (Getty / arr Hayes)

### Those Serving Today

Pastor:

The Rev. Dr. David B. McCarthy

Pianist:

Philippe Jonckheere

Worship Leader:

David Sanders

Congregation:

Ettienne De Vries and family

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT IPC

Today, 22 March                      Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, 29 March                     Fifth Sunday in Lent

We will keep the church web page and Facebook pages updated about future events, including alternatives to gathering for worship.

Please let us know by e-mail if you are affected by the coronavirus, so that we may keep you in our prayers. For our internet services in the coming weeks, we will pray aloud for people by first name only, and we will honor your wishes if you would like your prayer request to be lifted up anonymously.

Please remember our Mission of the Month, the SAFFIFAA outreach program to the street women and street children of Madagascar. More information can be found here: <http://www.ipcbrussels.org/mission-of-the-month>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Several events are being cancelled. Stay up with all that is happening by checking our website: [www.ipcbrussels.org](http://www.ipcbrussels.org). Click on the Calendar menu item.

### Sharing our Treasures

**How can we support the International Protestant Church of Brussels?**

**Please direct *virement* (transfer) deposits to the following accounts:**

Fortis: IBAN: BE72 2100 5701 3016 (Pledges and congregational support)

Fortis: IBAN: BE15 2100 5777 1030 (for Missions giving)

BIC: GEBABEBB for both accounts

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