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“A View from the Hearse”
Rev. Bryan Eckelmann

Matthew 22:23-33

“On that same day Sadducees (who deny that there is any ‘resurrection’) came to Jesus, and they asked him a question.” -- Matthew 22:23

Vs. 24-28 – A Ridiculous Story

Vs. 29 – Jesus’ Diagnosis, and Ours

Vs. 30 – Jesus’ Certainty, and Our Mystery

Vs. 31-32 – Jesus’ Kindness to BOTH parts of our Uncertainty

Which do I *most* need to experience...?

- The Scriptures --?
- The Power of God--?

“...have you not read what was said to you by God: ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not God of the dead, but of the living.”



Sermon Notes | March 9, 2025

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W E L C O M E

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE

First Sunday of Lent

We are now in the season of Lent, a time of spiritual renewal undertaken by Christians for at least 1,700 years. The Roman Catholic Catechism explains that "by solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert" - His 40-day period of fasting in preparation for an ordeal of temptation, followed by public ministry.

Through Christ's example, Lent invites us to experience spiritual growth through discipline, discomfort, and perhaps "being led where we do not want to go" (John 21:18). For, "Christ is not gloriously transported from earth into heaven. He must instead go to the cross. And precisely there, where the cross stands, the resurrection is near." -Dietrich Bonhoeffer ([God is on the Cross: Reflections on Lent and Easter](#))

As we look toward Easter, let us say Yes and Amen to new understandings and experiences of the resurrection's promise.

Bell Prelude: *Lenten Acclamation* | K. Thompson
Crusader Bells (Grades 6-8)

Welcome, Life of the Church, & Greeting One Another

Call to Worship

Choral Confidence: *Lord, You Are Near Me* | M. Patterson
Crusader Choir (Grades 6-8)

***Prayer**

***Songs:** *How Great Thou Art* (Hymn #21, st. 1, 3, 4) | *Yes and Amen*

Choral Declaration: *Great is Thy Faithfulness/Goodness of God* | arr. E. Belvin
Vanguard University Concert Choir

Prayer for Renewal & Help

*Bereavement: For Lisa Black & family in the death of her husband, Kevin
For Valerie Fryer & family in the death of her mother, Mary*

Offertory Invitation

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Choral Offertory: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* (for text, see Hymn #52) | arr. C. Kirkland
Chancel Choir & Vanguard University Concert Choir

***Hymn of Preparation:** *The God of Abraham Praise* (Hymn #66, st. 1, 2, 4)

Scripture: Matthew 22:23-33

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

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Lead Pastor

Prayer

***Song:** *Hymn of Heaven*

***Charge**

Musical Benediction: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* | J. Rutter
Chancel Choir & Vanguard University Concert Choir

Postlude: *Toccata in F (abridged)* | J. Grison

Worship Leaders

Bryan Eckelmann, *Lead Pastor*
Jeff Wagner, *Associate Pastor*
Timberly Eckelmann, *Pulpit Assistant*
Steve Kim, *Director of Worship & Music*
Sandy Rosales, *Associate Director of Music*
Daniel Ujifusa, *Associate Handbell Director*

Yoojung Ji, *Organist*
Jaehyeok Jang, *Vanguard Choir Director*
Jung Ok Lee, Greg Ellis, *Accompanists*

Alex Amo, *Electric Guitar/Director*
Michael Schoolmeester, *Guitar/Vocals*
Sarah Ujifusa, *Vocals*
Lukas Romero, *Electric Bass*
Nathan Schoolmeester, *Drums*

Assisted listening devices
available. Ask an usher.



**All who are able, please stand*