

Lent, Day 10
Saturday, March 16, 2019

Revelation 4:1–11

What on earth are we here for? That is a question that everyone asks themselves at some point. In fact, it is the question we ask of ourselves as a species. What are we here for? So often we answer the question with reference to our own happiness. Often that happiness is wrapped up with discovering our own purpose in life.

As John describes his heavenly vision he describes to us this wonderful scene: a central throne with God sitting on it. Twenty-four thrones with the twelve sons of Israel and the twelve apostles representing whole, purified humanity, who are crowned as priests. And then there is four living creatures: lion, ox, human, and eagle which represents all of creation. As creation praises God then humanity praises God. It's all about worship of the living, creating, God of covenant.

We are here to praise God. To ascribe to him the glory and praise he is due because he is worthy of our praise. Lent is a journey to the cross and the resurrection. That journey should be marked with worship of the living God. It's not that our happiness is inappropriate. When we really take time to reflect our happiness should be full when we focus our attention on our God and maker and all that he has done.

Prayer

Maker of heaven and earth, thank you for your handiwork and that you sustain us by your word. Fill our lent with your presence and allow our joy be so full that it overflows into praise of you. Amen.