

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



FIRST READING: *Ephesians 5:8-14*

This is a reading from Paul's letter to the Christians living in Ephesus.

Brothers and sisters,

There was a time when you were darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of the light.
When we live in the light,
we do what is good and right and honest.
Try to learn what pleases the Lord.
Never take part in things that are evil or done in secret.
Instead, let everything be seen in the open.
Everything done in the light is seen as it really is.
That is why it is said,

“Wake up, you who sleep;
rise up from the dead,
and Christ will give you light.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 36*

You are the light, the fountain of life.

Verses:

Leader: 1. Your love is true and sets us free.
2. You give us light that lets us see.

(Everyone repeat Verse and Response after Leader.)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“I am the light in darkness, you will have life in me.”

(After Gospel, repeat Acclamation.)

GOSPEL: *John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38.*

This is a reading from the Gospel of John.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been born blind. And he said to his disciples,

“While it is day, I must do the work of the One who sent me.
When night comes, no one can work.
While I am here, I am the light of the world.”

Then Jesus spat on the ground, made some mud, and put it on the man’s eyes, and said to him,

“Go and wash in the pool of Siloam.”

So the man went and washed his eyes, and when he came back, he was able to see. His neighbors and the people who had always seen him begging began to ask,

“Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?”

Some said it was; others said it wasn’t but was someone who looked like him.

The man himself said,

“Yes, I am the same man.”

Some of the people took the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees because it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had healed him. The Pharisees asked him how he was able to see if he was born blind. He told them,

“A man called Jesus put mud on my eyes.
I washed it off, and now I can see.”

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The Pharisees said,

“The one who did this cannot be a man of God,
because he works on the Sabbath.”

Others said,

“But if he is a sinner, how can he do these miracles?”

The man who had been healed said,

“I don’t know if he’s a sinner or not.
But I do know that I was blind, and now I can see.”

[And they began to argue about it.

So they asked the man,

“Since it was your eyes that he healed,
what do you have to say about him?”

The man answered,

“He is a prophet.”

Because the man said this, they threw him out of the temple.
Jesus went and found the man and asked him,

“Do you believe in the Son of God?”

He said,

“Tell me who he is so that I can believe in him.”

Jesus said,

“I am the Son of God.”

The man said,

“Yes, Lord, I do believe!”

And he knelt down to worship him.]

This is the Good News of the Lord.

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