

**4th Sunday of Lent      Year C**

Sunday, March 10, 2013

Readings: 1) Joshua 5:9a, 10-12      2) 2 Corinthians 5:17-21      3) Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**The focus for today's Mass is: True forgiveness that heals our hearts and souls comes from God.**

The joy of forgiveness permeates the Scripture readings today.  
 Joshua rejoices as Israel celebrates the Passover in the Promised Land.  
 Paul exults in the new life gained by his followers through their reconciliation to God.  
 The Gospel recalls a father's joy upon the return of his wayward son.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST:** Let us bring forth our needs and prayers to God our Father, who is merciful and full of compassion.

**For the Church, God's people made holy in Christ, and for those preparing to enter the Church at Easter, that we all may hold fast to the demands of the Gospel,**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the Cardinals of the Church, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in selecting our next Holy Father,**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who suffer from illness,**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who have died;  
 that they may feast at the Lord's banquet table for all eternity,**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our parish community, may we may grow in our being a people of reconciliation and forgiveness by joining our communal celebration of penance on Tuesday,**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions, ..... (long pause),**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:**

**God our Father, you call us to turn away from sin and return to you with our whole heart and soul. In your mercy, grant our needs placed before you. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ.**

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