

The Fourth Sunday of Lent**Year A**

Sunday, March 30, 2014

Readings: 1) 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a 2) Ephesians 5:8-14 3) John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is that Jesus brings new sight to all who believe in him and who seek his healing presence in their lives.

In today's reading: In choosing and anointing David as king, the Lord reminds us that he searches the heart and not simply the appearance. The writer of Ephesians challenges us to walk in the light of our faith and relationship with Christ, who is the source of our new life and light. Jesus heals the blind man and restores him to his faith, family and community.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**PRIEST:**

**As we journey through Lent,
may we, like Christ,
be willing to enter into deep prayer with the Father
and bring before him our needs and hopes.**

**For all Christians,
as we continue our Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving,
may we experience anew God's faithfulness
and so come to share in the promise of the Risen Christ.**

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

For those who lead the World's nations.

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

For the sick and the suffering.

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

For our beloved dead.

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

**For those of our parish community,
as our Lenten journey brings us closer to Christ**

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:

**Almighty and ever-loving God, change our hearts to be like that of your Son.
As you remain faithful to your promises, help us to remain steadfast in our
baptismal calling.**

Through Christ our Lord.

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