



St. John St. Paul Collaborative
Wellesley, Massachusetts
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4th Sunday of Lent

Opening Hymn

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I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here.
I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me.

**Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.**

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame,
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now walk, and live!

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1B; 6-7; 10-13A

The LORD said to Samuel:
"Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.
I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,
for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice,
Samuel looked at Eliab and thought,
"Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him."

But the LORD said to Samuel:
"Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature,
because I have rejected him.
Not as man sees does God see,
because man sees the appearance
but the LORD looks into the heart."
In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel,
but Samuel said to Jesse,
"The LORD has not chosen any one of these."
Then Samuel asked Jesse,
"Are these all the sons you have?"
Jesse replied,
"There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep."
Samuel said to Jesse,
"Send for him;
we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here."
Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them.
He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold
and making a splendid appearance.
The LORD said,
"There—anoint him, for this is the one!"
Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.
The word of the Lord (All): **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

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Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love.
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your Name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Brothers and sisters:
You were once darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of light,
for light produces every kind of goodness
and righteousness and truth.
Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;
rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention
the things done by them in secret;
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
for everything that becomes visible is light.
Therefore, it says:

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light."

The word of the Lord (All): **Thanks be to God**

Gospel

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.
He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva,
and smeared the clay on his eyes,
and said to him,
"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —.
So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said,
"Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"
Some said, "It is, "
but others said, "No, he just looks like him."
He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.
Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.
So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
He said to them,
"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."
So some of the Pharisees said,
"This man is not from God,
because he does not keep the sabbath."

But others said,
"How can a sinful man do such signs?"
And there was a division among them.
So they said to the blind man again,
"What do you have to say about him,
since he opened your eyes?"
He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him,
"You were born totally in sin,
and are you trying to teach us?"
Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
He answered and said,
"Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"
Jesus said to him,
"You have seen him, and
the one speaking with you is he."
He said,
"I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

The gospel of the Lord. (All): **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Preparation of the Gifts

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Sacred silence, holy ocean; Gentle water, washing over me
Help me listen, Holy Spirit; Come and speak to me

God my father, Christ my brother; Holy Spirit, sanctifying me
Lord, I'm sorry, please forgive me; Come and set me free

Sacred silence, holy ocean; Gentle water, washing over me
Help me listen, Holy Spirit; Come and speak to me

Holy Mary, gentle mother,; God's pure vessel, praying for me.
Saints and angels, all in heaven,; Come and be with me.

Sacred silence, holy ocean; Gentle water, washing over me
Help me listen, Holy Spirit; Come and speak to me
Come and be with me; Come and speak to me

Communion

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Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart, you're the One that guides my heart

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You; Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free; holiness is Christ in me

Teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You:
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Closing Song

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**Here's my heart, Lord; Here's my heart, Lord
Here's my heart, Lord; Speak what is true x2**

I am found, I am Yours, I am loved, I'm made pure
I have life, I can breathe, I am healed, I am free

'Cause I am found, I am Yours, I am loved, I'm made pure
I have life, I can breathe, I am healed, I am free

You are strong, You are sure, You are life, You endure
You are good, always true, You are light breaking through