



Living in the Spirit
◆ 4th Sunday Lent
Christ will be your light

Call to Prayer and Sharing

❖ *Invitation to Prayer - Leader*

Let us begin,
Now, here in this place
With a moment of silence, to reflect,
to focus, to be attentive to ourselves,
to one another, and to the presence of Christ.
May the Lord come and increase our faith. (*reflective pause*)
(*pause for Silence*)

❖ *If time allows, sing a familiar hymn or refrain from Sunday's Responsorial Psalm.*

❖ *Then: "In the name of the Father and of the Son"*

The Word of God

❖ *Leader:* Let us welcome God's Word into our hearts.

○ *Sing:* May the Word be a lamp for our feet and a light to guide our path!

From John 9 (the man born blind)

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 Word of the Lord...

❖ *At the conclusion of the reading, briefly pause for quiet reflection.*

Faith Sharing/Question of the Week (consider sharing on either question)

- ❖ **Adult:** What things does seeing with eyes of faith keep you from being blind to?
- ❖ **Mixed Ages:** What good things does Jesus help you to see in yourself or others?

Time is provided for sharing responses to the question. Silence between responses is to be expected. Allow a few minutes for faith sharing. For larger groups, leader invites members to divide into groups of 3 or 4 for faith sharing.

- ❖ *When the sharing comes to an end, the leader invites everyone to take a moment to silently and reverently hold what has been shared together.*

Litany of Faith

Leader: Christ Jesus, you teach us to live as children of the light.
Wake us from our sleep; bring us to life!

All: Christ will shine! Christ will be your light!

Leader: Christ Jesus, you plead with us to reject the works of darkness.
Wake us from our sleep; bring us to life!

All: Christ will shine! Christ will be your light!

Leader: Christ Jesus, you call us to arise from the dead, and to embrace your glorious light.
Wake us from our sleep; bring us to life!

All: Christ will shine! Christ will be your light!

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together:

All: Gracious God,
we know that you are with us here,
and we have taken your Word into our hearts.
You call us all to conversion,
we who are here in this place,
and we who are now ready to welcome you into our lives.
We are ready,
we are willing,
and we are yours.
So we surrender to you
our aches and longings into one as we pray:
Our Father...

Continue with the Meeting

Final Blessing

Leader: Now let us bless one another:

All: May God bless and keep us, may God smile upon us.
May God show us kindness, fill us with peace.
And may God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
may we always love and serve,
filled with God's Peace. Amen.

Leader: *Conclude the meeting or sing a closing song.*