Gathering Rite

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the leader prays:*

**Leader:** + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Family:** Amen

**Leader:** Trusting in the mercy of God, let us call to mind our sins.

**Family:** I confess to almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking your breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brother brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

**Leader:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John *(John 9:1, 6-12, 35-38)*

**Family:** Glory to You, O Lord.

**Leader:**

One day as Jesus walked along,
he saw a man who had been blind since birth.

Jesus spit on the ground.
He made some mud and smeared it on the man’s eyes.
Then he said, “Go and wash off the mud in Siloam Pool.”
The man went and washed in Siloam,
which means “One Who Is Sent.”
When he had washed off the mud, he could see.

The man’s neighbors and the people who had seen him begging
wondered if he really could be the same man.
Some of them said he was the same beggar,
while others said he only looked like him.
But he told them, “I am that man.”

"Then how can you see?" they asked.

He answered,
"Someone named Jesus made some mud and smeared it on my eyes.
He told me to go and wash it off in Siloam Pool.
When I did, I could see."

"Where is he now?" they asked.
"I don’t know?” he answered.
When Jesus heard what had happened, he went and found the man. Then Jesus asked, "Do you have faith in the Son of Man?" He replied, "Sir, if you will tell me who he is, I will put my faith in him."

"You have already seen him," Jesus answered, "and right now he is talking with you." The man said, "Lord, I put my faith in you!" Then he worshiped Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Family: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Faithful
Leader: As brothers and sisters in one loving family, together let us pray to our heavenly Father.

Leader: For the Church and her leaders; may all Christians be guided by Christ's shining example of love.
Family: Lord, hear our prayer. (Repeat after each petition.)

Leader: For people who are lonely or afraid; may our friendship and prayers bring light to their darkness. We pray to the Lord.

Leader: For all who are ill around the world, particularly those with coronavirus; may they be strengthened and healed. We pray to the Lord.

Family: Our Father...

Family: Bless us, O Lord and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Family: Amen

Questions for discussion or reflection:
1) If you were to lose your sight, what one thing would you miss the most?
2) Do you think it is easy to be someone who is blind in our world today?
3) What was the blind man doing when Jesus noticed him?
4) What did Jesus do when he saw him?
5) Why did Jesus call himself the Light of the World?