

Lent Tuesday Week 4

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-9,12;

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9;

Gospel Reading: John 5:1-16.

Theme: Experience the healing power of Jesus

It is during times such as our current situation that we greatly need assurances of the healing power of God. God heals through many forms. The Prophet Ezekiel saw a vision of rivers of living water flowing from God's heavenly throne to bring healing and restoration to His people. Jesus Christ fulfilled the vision of the Prophet Ezekiel through his preaching, signs, and miracles. Jesus healed a man who had been paralyzed for more than 38 years. Jesus Christ awakened faith in the paralyzed man by putting a probing question to him, "Do you really want to be healed?" Jesus Christ challenged the paralyzed man to put his new-found faith into action by saying to him, "get up and walk!"

Jesus Christ challenges us constantly with probing questions such as, "Do you want to be healed, forgiven, set free from guilt and sin, from uncontrollable anger, and from hurtful desires?" Jesus Christ further challenges us to consider things that hold us back from His healing power and transforming grace that set people free to live in wholeness, joy, and peace. During this Lenten season and turbulent times may we experience the healing power of Jesus started in the saving waters of Baptism.

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