

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

READING I 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a

### A reading from the first Book of Samuel

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.

A Reading from the Holy  
Gospel According to John

[As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.]

His disciples asked him,

“Rabbi, **who sinned**, this man or **his** parents,  
that he was born **blind**?”

Jesus answered,

“**Neither he** nor his parents sinned,  
it is **so** that the **works** of God might be made visible  
through him.

We have to **do** the works of the **one** who sent **me** while it is day.  
Night is coming when **no one** can work.

While I am **in** the world, I am the light of the **world**.”

When he had said this, [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.”]

So they said to him, “**How** were your eyes opened?”

He replied,

“The man called Jesus made clay and **anointed** my eyes  
and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and **wash**.’

So I went there and washed and was able to see.”

And they said to him, “**Where** is he?”

He said, “I don’t **know**.”

[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.”]

Now the Jews did **not believe**

that he had been blind and gained his sight

until they **summoned** the parents of the one who had gained  
his sight.

They asked them,

“Is this **your** son, who you say was born blind?

How does he **now** see?”

His parents answered and said,

“We know that this is our son and that he was born **blind**. »

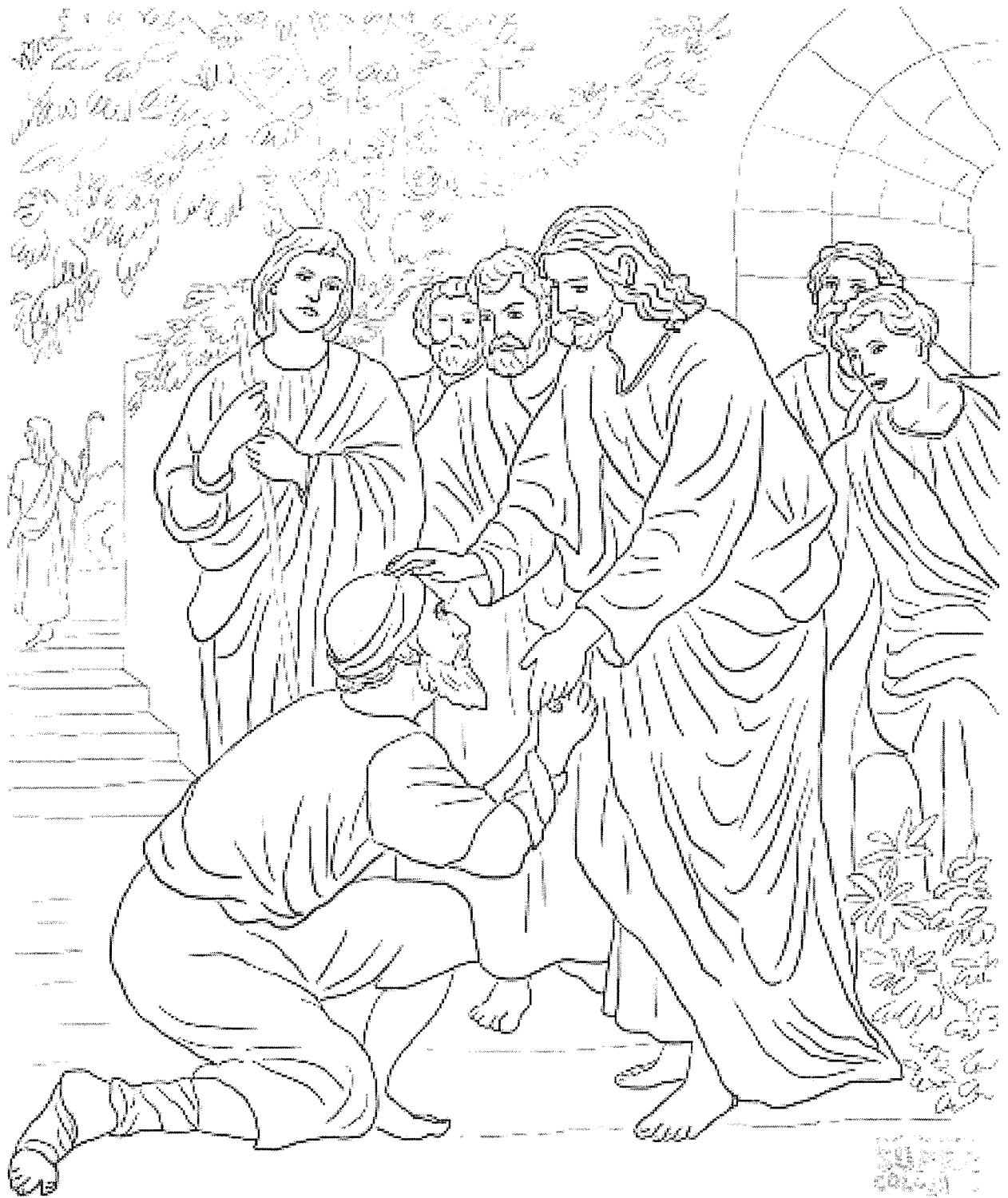
# A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John

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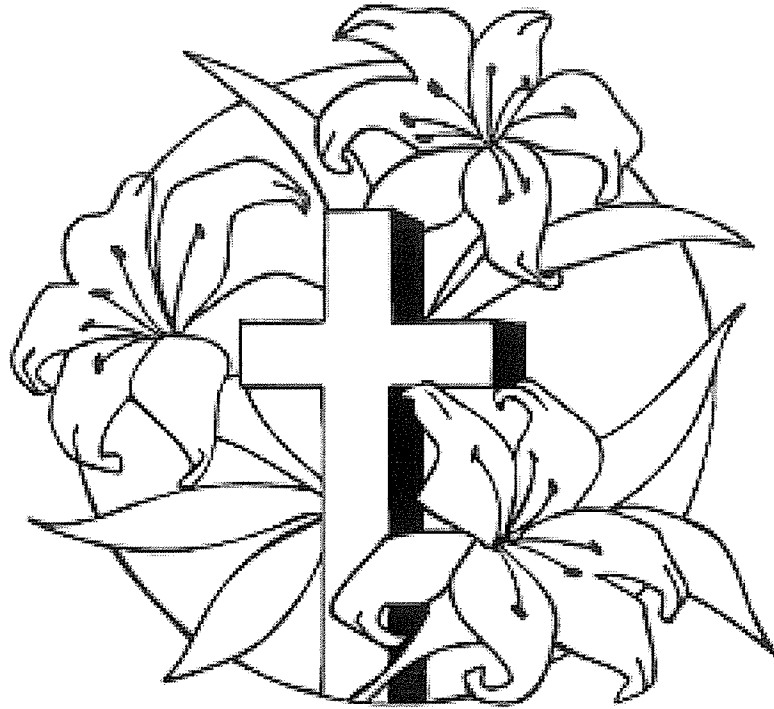
We do not know how he sees **now**,  
nor do we know **who** opened his eyes.  
**Ask him**, he is of age;  
he can **speak** for **himself**."  
His parents said **this** because they were afraid of the Jews,  
for the Jews had already agreed  
that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ,  
he would be expelled from the synagogue.  
For this reason his parents said,  
"He is of **age**; **question him**."  
So a second time they called the man who had been blind  
and said to him, "Give God the praise!  
We know that this man is a **sinner**."  
He replied,  
"If he is a sinner, I do **not** know.  
One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."  
So they said to him,  
"What did he do to you?  
How did he open your eyes?"  
He answered them,  
"I told you already and you did **not** listen.  
**Why** do you want to hear it again?  
Do **you** want to become his disciples, **too**?"  
They ridiculed him and said,  
"You are that man's disciple;  
we are disciples of Moses!  
We **know** that **God** spoke to **Moses**,  
but we do **not** know **where this one** is from."  
The man answered and said to them,  
"This is what is **so amazing**,  
that you do **not** know where he is from, **yet** he opened my eyes.  
We know that God does **not** listen to **sinners**,  
but if one is devout and does his **will**, he listens to him.  
It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person  
born **blind**.  
If this man were **not** from God,  
he would **not** be able to do **anything**."  
[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.]  
Then Jesus said,  
"I came into this world for **judgment**,  
so that those who do not see **might see**,  
and those who do see might become blind."  
Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this  
and said to him, "Surely we are **not** also blind, **are** we  
Jesus said to them,  
"If you were blind, you would have **no sin**,  
but **now** you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains

The Word of the Lord



**Jesus heals a man blind since.**



For God so loved  
the world that he gave  
his one and only Son.

John 3:16