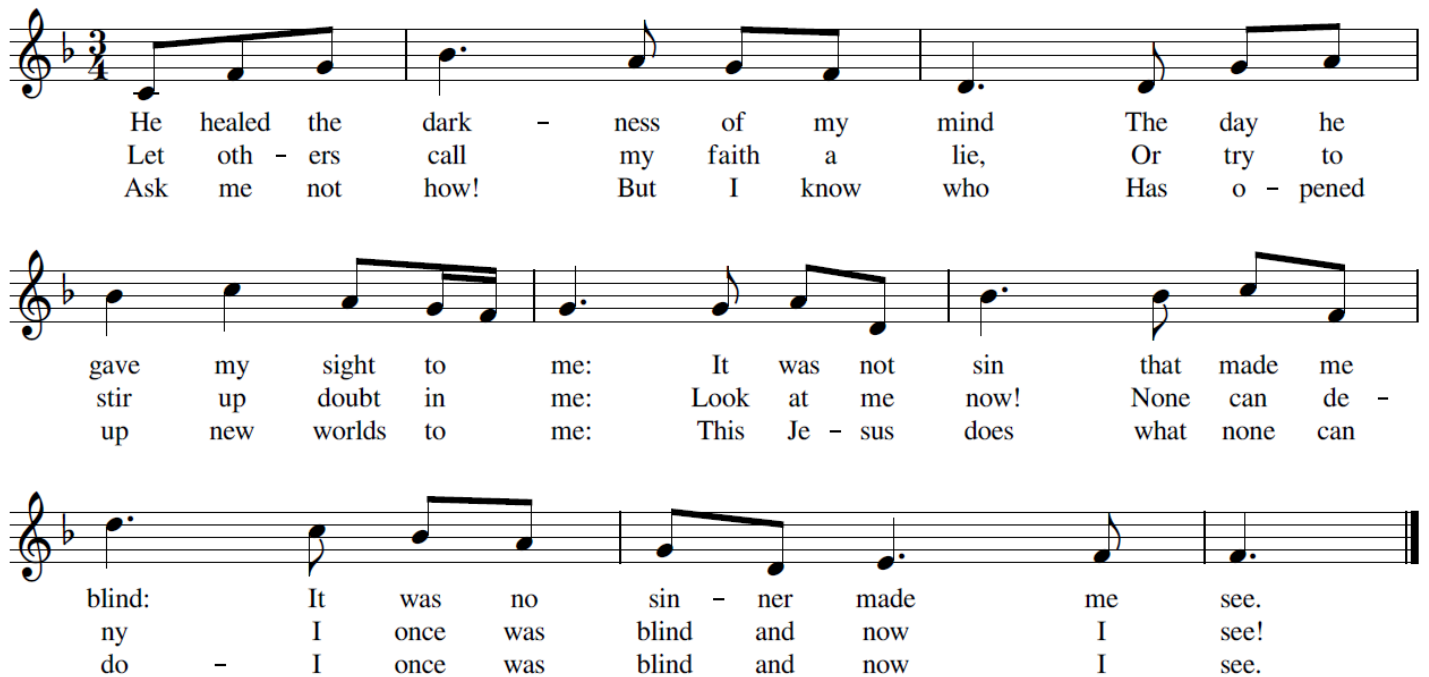


THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

HYMN

He Healed the Darkness of My Mind



He healed the dark - ness of my mind The day he
Let oth - ers call my faith a lie, Or try to
Ask me not how! But I know who Has o - pened
gave my sight to me: It was not sin that made me
stir up doubt in me: Look at me now! None can de -
up new worlds to me: This Je - sus does what none can
blind: It was no sin - ner made me see.
ny I once was blind and now I see!
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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—anooint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anoointed 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. **Thanks be to God.**



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

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. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER TO MAKE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

HYMN

Christ Is the World's Light



1. Christ is the world's Light, Christ and none
 2. Christ is the world's Peace, Christ and none
 3. Christ is the world's Life, Christ and none
 4. Give God the glo - ry, God and none



oth - er; Born in our dark - ness, he be - came our
 oth - er; No one can serve him and de - spise an -
 oth - er; Sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our
 oth - er; Give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and



broth - er. If we have seen him, we have seen the
 oth - er. Who else u - nites us, one in God the
 broth - er— He, who re - deems us, reigns with God the
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